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IMPORTANT CHINA DEBATES.

IN HOUSE OF LORDS AND COMMONS.

BRITISH AGGRESSION "AN ABSURD IDEA."

LABOUR REPRIMANDED.

Judging from the news to hand to-day, it would appear that the situation on the Yangtze is fairly quiet. British river steamers on the way down from Ichang have been fired on by troops wanting passage, and at Hankow a threatened strike of house-boys has been deferred until Sunday. There is no news of any further negotiations between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Chen.

In continuation of the House of Commons' debate on the China crisis, Mr. Lloyd George, while hoping that troops would not be sent to Shanghai unless it was felt that they were really needed, commended the Government for the stand it is taking.

Mr. Winston Churchill has severely criticised the Labour Party for having direct communications with Mr. Eugene Chen, thus "increasing the elements of division," and there have been meetings of seamen at various Home ports condemning the policy of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress.

The Earl of Balfour has made an important pronouncement in the House of Lords, and Britain has officially communicated with the League of Nations at Geneva, outlining its policy.

H.M.S. Coventry, the only cruiser of the First Cruiser Squadron which has not arrived in Hongkong, is not calling here. She has proceeded direct to Shanghai.

The troopship, the *s.s. Sirhana*, with a regiment of Punjabis on board, is expected in the Colony to-morrow, passing through on her way to Shanghai. As far as can be ascertained there is no intention to disembark the troops here.

NAVAL NEWS.

RIVER STEAMERS FIRED ON.

Ichang, Feb. 9.

The strike of the godown coolies continues.

About seventy missionaries left for Hankow to-day.

British steamers bound down river are being fired upon by soldiers in junks requiring passage.—*Naval Wireless*.

ANTI-BRITISH GENERAL.

Chungsha, Feb. 9. General Tang Seng-chi, the Nationalist leader, who has recently taken over command here, is showing marked anti-British propensities. Prisoners were brought in to-day from Changsha.—*Naval Wireless*.

HANKOW STRIKE DEFERRED.

Hankow, Feb. 9. The strike of house-boys, arranged for to-day, has been deferred until Sunday. The situation is quiet.—*Naval Wireless*.

ITALIAN CRUISER.

10,000 TON BOAT COMING.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that Italy is despatching to the Far East the 10,000 ton cruiser *San Giorgio*. The 1,500 marines, if sent, will probably be carried on an accompanying transport. The *San Giorgio* is likely to fly the flag of an Admiral.—*Reuter*.

COMMONS' DEBATE.

London, Feb. 9. Mr. Lloyd George approves.

In the House of Commons on the resumed debate on the Address, Mr. J. H. Thomas endorsed Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's remarks regarding China.

Mr. Lloyd George said he was delighted at the line taken by Mr. Stanley Baldwin yesterday. He was glad that the Government was determined not to interfere with the rival factions, and he thought that Sir Austen Chamberlain's course would redound to the credit of himself and the country. He declared that if the Washington undertaking to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial administrative integrity of China had not been re-

CANTON FERMENT.

MERCHANT-LABOUR DISPUTE.

BIG PARADE FOR TO-DAY.

The dispute between merchants and employees in Canton over the question of the former's right to dismiss workers still continues to be bitterly waged, according to latest advices. "It has come to a life-and-death struggle," said a prominent merchant in Canton to a correspondent there. He added that many of the Government officials undoubtedly sympathised with the merchants, but it remained to be seen whether the Government would be able to control the Unions.

TO-DAY'S DEMONSTRATION.

On Tuesday morning the directors of the four Chambers of Commerce and representatives from the merchants' organisations in the different outlying districts decided at a joint conference in the General Chamber of Commerce Building to hold a grand parade to-day (the 10th inst.) to demonstrate that the merchants are not going to yield to labour exploitation. The demonstrators will march to Government Headquarters and file a petition explaining that they must be given a chance once a year to arrange their staffs; otherwise they will not be able to continue business.

The merchants point out that business in the province has gone from bad to worse and most of the shops and factories will have to go bankrupt if they continue paying large staffs which are not necessary even in times of prosperity. The merchants quite appreciate the action of the Government last year in issuing an order authorising the merchants to re-arrange their staffs on the second day of the lunar year, but they do not see why the Government should withdraw the order just because the Government offices were surrounded by labour agitators.

MANY DELEGATES.

Yesterday morning the joint Conference of the Chambers issued a notice asking the merchants, street guilds, etc., to each send as many men to participate in the demonstration as possible. Representatives from the merchant organisations in Fatshan, Tungkoon, Shuklung, Chanchuen, Kongnoung, Hengkhan, Shuhsing, Kaukong, and other towns have reported their arrival and these will join in to-day's demonstration. Large numbers of white flags will be carried by the paraders. Watch words will be shouted and thousands of handbills will be distributed during the parade.

The Government has not expressed its attitude towards the matter, but it is understood that the authorities have had a number of secret meetings to discuss ways of dealing with the trouble and are trying their best to prevent a general business strike, but at the same time not to cause strong opposition from the labour class.

LABOUR AGITATION.

The labour leaders, however, are still strongly insisting that the merchants should not have the right of dismissing their employees. At the Red labour headquarters, the Workers' Congress yesterday issued a set of regulations restricting the dismissal of workers by employers, especially on the second day of the first moon. They decided also to call a general strike if the Government grants the Merchants' request. Pickets will be sent out by them to-day to watch the merchant parade and it is expected that trouble may break out.

He criticised the Labour Party for enabling Mr. Eugene Chen, and contended that it was much better that the responsible Government should be the sole channel, and that any attempt to build beneath the official diplomacy tended to increase the elements of fundamental division, which it was the duty of every citizen to reduce.

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DRUG TRAFFICKERS' FORTUNE.

DISCOVERY BY PARIS POLICE.

TRADE WITH SHANGHAI.

Paris, Feb. 9. The police claim to have discovered that two persons, one Polish and the other Chilian, have been carrying on the drug traffic with Shanghai. They are said to have amassed, in eighteen months, a fortune of several million francs, which has been deposited in London and Basle.

It has been found impossible to seize these funds, but 300,000 francs in the course of transfer have been seized, also seventy kilograms of heroin.

A Mulhouse firm is said to be implicated in the affair.—*Reuter*.

BANKNOTE CASE.

PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL APPLICATION.

To-morrow week an application will be made before the Full Court of the Supreme Court, before Mr. Justice Wood, acting Chief Justice, and Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, acting Puisne Judge, for leave to appeal to the Privy Council in respect of the banknote case, in which the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank are asked to pay a \$500 note from which the numbers and date are missing.

Mr. Justice Wood, who first heard the case as Puisne Judge, found against the Bank. An appeal was granted and was heard before Sir Henry Collan, Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Wood, when the former found for the Bank and the latter confirmed his previous judgment.

The application will be made at 2.15 p.m.

SOVIET MANNERS.

LEAGUE INVITATION RETURNED.

Geneva, Feb. 9. M. Litvinoff has written a letter to the Secretary General of the League of Nations in which the Soviet refuses to participate in the Geneva Conference for the formation of an international relief organisation, intended to give assistance in the event of any great national disaster.

M. Litvinoff even returned the League's invitation.—*Reuter*.

CHILIAN POLITICS.

NEW GOVERNMENT AGAINST BOLSHEVISM.

London, Feb. 9. A message from Santiago de Chile says the Cabinet has resigned.

Colonel Carlos Ibanez, Minister of War, the so-called strong man of Chile, is forming a new Government. He declares that a strong Government is necessary to combat the spread of Bolshevism in Chile.—*Reuter*.

SCHNEIDER CUP.

U. S. NAVY NOT TO COMPETE.

Washington, Feb. 9.

Mr. Wilbur announces that owing to lack of funds the Navy will not compete in the Schneider Cup race at Venice this year.—*Reuter's American Service*.

OPIUM CONVENTION.

RATIFIED BY POLAND.

Warsaw, Feb. 9. The Diet has ratified that International Opium Convention.—*Reuter*.

SHARE DEAL.

BROKER SUES LOCAL MERCHANT.

GREEN ISLAND CO. SHARES.

A share transaction between two Chinese parties, the one a broker and the other a merchant, resulted in a claim for \$1,000 in respect of 500 shares in the Green Island Cement Company being heard in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, acting Puisne Judge.

The plaintiff was Chan Chan-nam, carrying on business as Chan Chan-nam and Co., of 11, Queen's Road Central, first floor, share and real estate brokers, and he sued Wong Tong-kee, of 32, Canton Road, Kowloon, merchant.

The plaintiff claimed the money as being the difference between the price of 500 (combined) shares in the Green Island Cement Company Ltd., purchased by the defendant under a written contract dated June 9th, 1925, and the flat rate on which the purchase was compromised by mutual agreement.

Mr. Gordon Leask was for the plaintiff, and Mr. L. D. Turner defended.

Prior to opening his case, Mr. Leask said:—I understand it is the privilege of my friend and myself to appear before you for the first time as Puisne Judge, and we express the hope we may appear before you when sitting in the big Court at some period later on.

DO NOT PAY.

Continuing, Mr. Leask said on June 9th 1925, the defendant purchased 500 combined shares in the Green Island Cement Company from the plaintiff at the price of \$23.10 per share for the August Settlement. When Settlement Day came, he failed to pay and in a letter from plaintiff's solicitors he was offered the choice of paying \$6.10 per share, which was the difference between the price then and the price which was ruling when he was taking up the shares. Defendant refused to do that, but agreed to pay the flat rate, so they were suing on that rate.

The plaintiff, giving evidence, said he was, at that time, Chairman of the Share and Real Estate Brokers' Association, and the defendant signed a contract for the purchase of the shares. Previous to that, plaintiff had purchased shares from a seller. When Settlement Day arrived, he instructed Messrs. Lee and Russ to write to the defendant asking him to take the shares. The defendant came to his office and said he could not pay at the rate required, and offered to pay at the flat rate, which had been agreed on by the Association, and the offer was accepted.

Replies to Mr. Leask, plaintiff said, his Association had agreed that all outstanding accounts should be set off by the flat rate.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

Cross-examined by Mr. Turner, plaintiff said he had a telephone conversation with the defendant about the shares, and told him to prepare to take delivery, but the defendant replied that he would wait until Settlement Day. Plaintiff denied that he visited the defendant's office. Mr. Turner produced a letter written by a solicitor on his (plaintiff's) instructions in which it was stated that the agreement was reached in both offices. Plaintiff replied that it was probably a misunderstanding. He thought the date on which the agreement was reached was August 26th. He was very busy then, and many people were entering and leaving his office. He did not make a note of the interview. Mr. Turner pointed out how improbable it was after eighteen months he could remember that the defendant had an interview with him.

TO-DAY

Plaintiff admitted that he was not suing for interest, and said he had never demanded any.

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AMERICAN STOCK SPECULATION.

RAILS SLUMP AND THEN RISE.

AN EXCITING DAY.

New York, Feb. 9.

Speculation in railway stock has received a decided shock. Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroads have collapsed to 66 2/3 and the stampede has spread to other rails.

Selling orders have swept the market like a tidal wave.—*Reuter's American Service*.

MARKET RALLIES.

New York, Feb. 9.

The market rallied sharply in the afternoon. The Wheeling and Lake Erie stock rising to \$95 and closing at \$90, a net loss of ten points on the day. Most other rails recovered partly or fully.—*Reuter's American Service*.

FORGED NOTES.

MIGHT DECEIVE THE CHINESE.

In the case in which a Chinese seaman was charged, on remand this morning, with being in possession of ten forged one-dollar Hongkong and Shanghai banknotes, and with uttering and attempting to palm off one of them on a woman cigarette seller at West Point, Mr. Jeffrey Milne, an assistant accountant from the Bank, gave evidence that although they were not very good forgeries, he thought they might well deceive the Chinese.

After evidence had been partly heard, the case was again remanded, until to-morrow.

Inspector P. Grant stated that the police had dropped the application for the man's committal to the Sessions.

SOVIET INTRIGUE.

PROFIT FROM ANTI-BRITISH BOYCOTT.

Warsaw, Feb. 9.

The Soviet Commercial Mission in Warsaw has proposed to the Association of Polish Textile Manufacturers in the Lodz district the formation of Polish-Soviet export organisation to supply China and the Far East with Polish textiles, thus profiting from the Chinese boycott of British textiles.

It is pointed out in this connection that Lodz manufacturers are financed to a certain extent by British capital, also that Polish business men's experiences in trading with the Soviets have hitherto not been very encouraging. Moreover, it is reported in native circles that a rather prominent member of the Hankow Chinese Chamber of Commerce, who is known to be a rich man, is contributing the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the fund. If such a sum could be raised from one source, the soldiers may anticipate a happy new year.

THE WORKMEN'S MARK.

The uniform dress which was some time ago reported as being planted for all labourers now seems to be coming into vogue. According to previous information the dress was not to be compulsory until after China new year, and even then, it was doubtful whether there would be sufficient suits to meet the compulsory demand. On January 27th, however, several workers of the female sex were seen to be wearing the new uniform which is apparently designed, as far as colour is concerned, on the Cantonese flag.

The jacket and trousers are of the flat blue, and the trimmings are white braid. In any case there will be no mistaking the wearers for other than what they are, if occasion for discrimination should arise in the future, which

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HANKOW RULE.

AGITATION AGAINST JAPANESE.

UNIFORMS FOR WORKERS.

An agitation against the Japanese is now assuming growth here (says the *Hankow Central China Post* of January 28th) and its promoters succeed in their designs it will spread to Shanghai. It arises mainly from the printers' union. A Japanese newspaper here after the first raise of pay demanded by the printers' union was faced with further demands to which it was impossible for the paper to accede. The result was a strike which has continued ever since.

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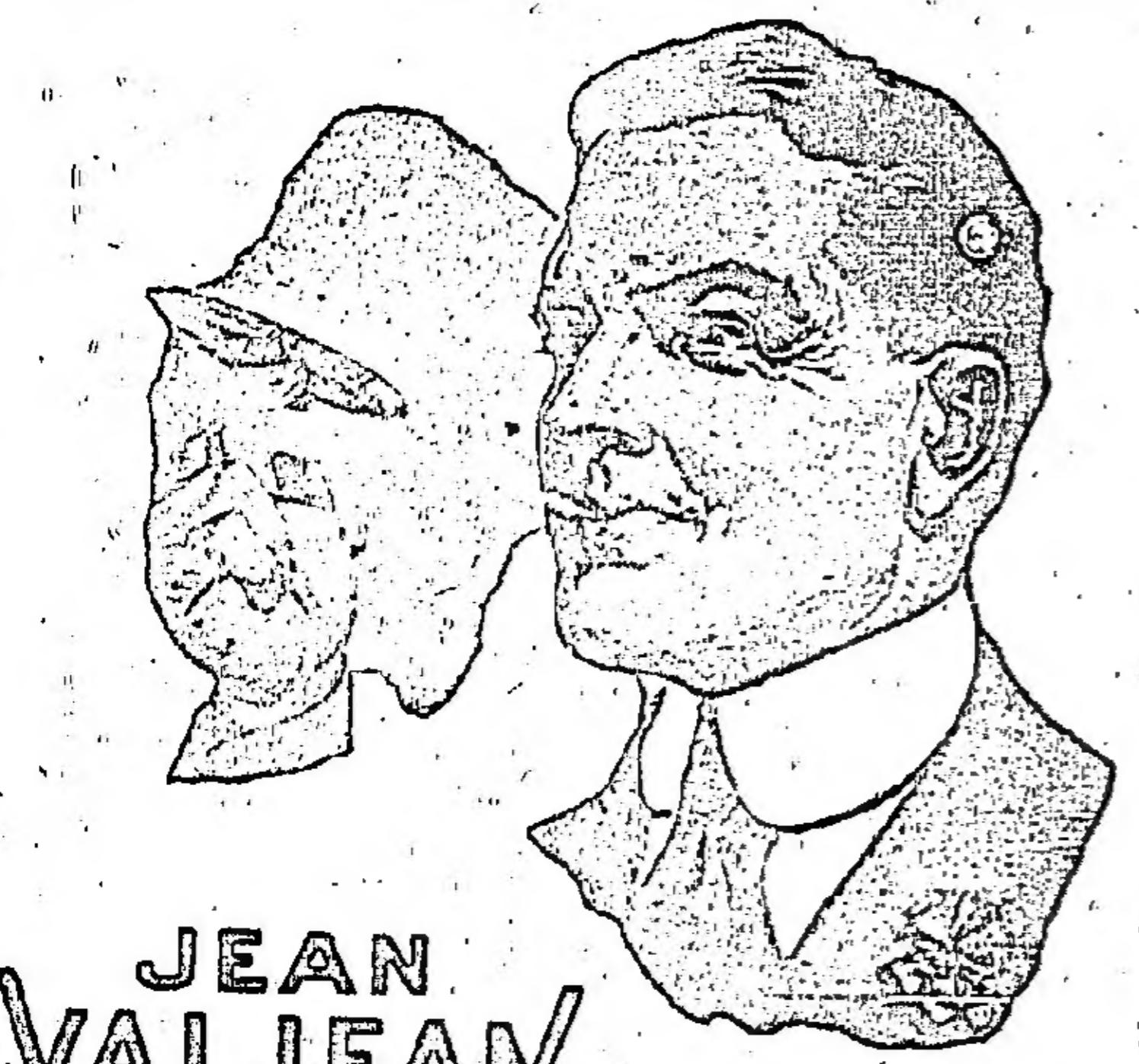
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LOCAL BOY SCOUTS.

REVIEWED AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, as Chief Scout of the Colony, reviewed troops yesterday in the grounds of Government House, there being present the Revd. Waldegrave as Commissioner, Lady Clementi, as President of the Girl Guides and the Hon. Dr. Kotewall. There was a good muster of Scouts, the 1st to 8th troops and the 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 20th troops and Sea Scouts, all sending representatives. These were drawn up in a semi-circle before the main entrance, with the first troop to the left and the Sea Scouts on the right.

After His Excellency had passed through the ranks in review order, the Prince of Wales banner was presented to the 20th Troop as the most efficient during the past year.

Presentations of letters of commendation were then made to the 19th (1st Yaumati Troop), for services rendered in a case of bag snatching, when a young European lady was robbed in Shanghai Street on June 19 last. The snatcher was apprehended through the action of the Scouts and although a monetary reward had been suggested, in view of the fact that this was against Scout traditions, a letter of commendation to the Troop had been substituted.

In the second case, the 20th (1st Central) Troop had been most zealous in rendering assistance at fires. Owing to the favourable position of their headquarters, they were able to be on the spot when needed with great celerity and their services had been recognised by both the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Fire Brigade. They had rendered service of great value at the Hongkong Hotel fire and on Tuesday night had been instrumental in putting out a fire in the Government House Grounds, where they were at that moment assembled. A letter of commendation was awarded in this case also.

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall was then enlisted as a joining member of the local Scout Movement and having been sworn in by Commissioner Waldegrave, as President of the movement, he in turn invested His Excellency with the Badge of Chief Scout.

The Governor's Address.

His Excellency addressing the parade said:

I am glad to see so good a muster of you here this afternoon and I have noted with much pleasure your smart and workmanlike appearance and your good discipline. I especially congratulate the 20th Troop on winning the Prince of Wales' banner. Unhappily there are ill-disposed people who, observing your smartness on parade and your good discipline, exclaim that the Boy Scout movement is only disguised militarism and who pretend to believe that our real aim is to make soldiers of you. There's no shred of truth in such an insinuation. The aim of the Boy Scout movement, looked at from the widest point of view, is to form brotherhood of boys of all races, nations and creeds in the hope that, when these boys grow to manhood, the brotherhood of boys will pass naturally into a worldwide brotherhood of men. Looked at from the point of view of the individual boy, the aim of the Boy Scout movement is to make men of you—chivalrous, upright, resourceful, law-abiding men.

Discipline.

Discipline is one of the means by which these things are taught. Discipline is the outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace. It should mean that in all your acts you are fully conscious that you form part of a troop, an association, a worldwide brotherhood, and that each of you will subordinate at all times his individual aims and

PROTECTION OF
FOREIGNERS.NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT'S
LATEST ORDER.

Renewed instructions in the form of a definite official order have been issued by the Provincial Government to all subordinate organizations, to assure protection for the lives and properties of British residents in Kwangtung, says the Canton Gazette. The order says:

"We have received a telegram dated the 20th January from the joint session of the representatives of the Kuomintang C.E.C. and of the Nationalist Government, stating as follows:

"Re the trouble in Hankow our Government has adopted strict but effective measures, and has sent soldiers and police to take over control of the British Concession there; having organized at the same time an Administration Committee as a basis for the retrocession of the British Concessions. The masses of the people have also unanimously supported the policies of the Government, and if action can be taken uniformly by both Government and the people, it is certain that we shall not be far from the date when we shall succeed. It is, of course, necessary for us to plan for the early resumption of the missionary schools established by the British in the various provinces, according to our original plan for educational independence, but before definite measures can be decided by the Government in this case, it will be absolutely improper for any persons to make any movement directed at these schools.

Opposition to Principle.

Furthermore the lives and properties of the British residents in the various provinces are under the protection of the Government, and consequently the local authorities should assure them every possible protection, as we are only opposed to Imperialism, and have no enmity towards any private individual.

Please make this point clear to all people, and instruct all your subordinates to take action accordingly.

ambition to the welfare of the whole fellowship to which he belongs. This is the way in which useful citizens of a country and of the commonwealth of all countries can be made; and this is the ideal which the Boy Scout movement strives to realize. Never forget this and let this ideal inspire your work both as boys and when you become men.

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall expressed thanks to His Excellency for making the presentations and also for the deep interest he had always shown in the movement. He, in turn, endorsed His Excellency's remarks with regard to the smart and workmanlike turn out of the Scouts present. He corroborated what their Chief Scout had said about the movement, laying stress on the need for discipline in daily life. The Scouts should not forget that there was no truth in the assertion that they were a military body; they were neither military nor political and he himself would take no part in the movement, if he were not certain that it had an undoubted use. Discipline was an essential in life and the Scouts were not banded together merely for the playing of games, as His Excellency had pointed out on previous occasions, but to play the game of life. In conclusion, Dr. Kotewall expressed his great pleasure at being enrolled as one of them.

The Revd. Waldegrave then presented warrants as Scoutmasters to Assistant Scoutmasters Roberts and Leveson-Gower, after which cheers were called for the Chief Scout, His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi; the newly appointed President, Dr. Kotewall; and Lady Clementi as President of the Girl Guides.

OBITUARY.

MR. ARTHUR DENYS JUPP.

Their many friends in the Colony will extend sincere sympathy to Mr. J. A. Jupp, a partner in the firm of Messrs. John D. Humphreys and Son, and Mrs. Jupp, in the sad news they have received of the death of their son, Arthur Denys, who passed away at Christ Church, Oxford, where he had commenced his studies as a law tutor.

The late Mr. Arthur Denys Jupp was born in Hongkong and was educated at Home. He attended Brasenose College, Oxford, and had a brilliant University career. He was only 24 years of age.

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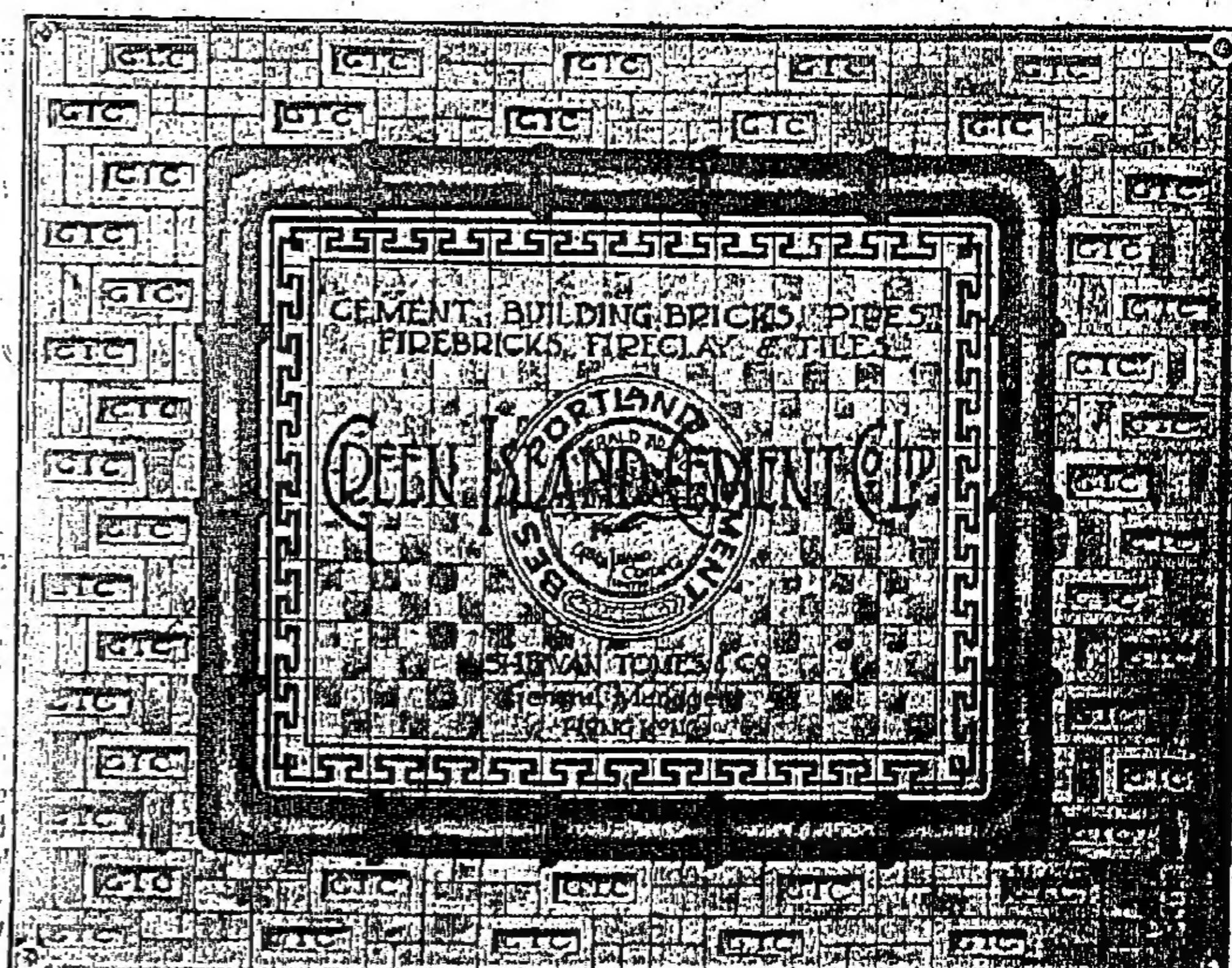
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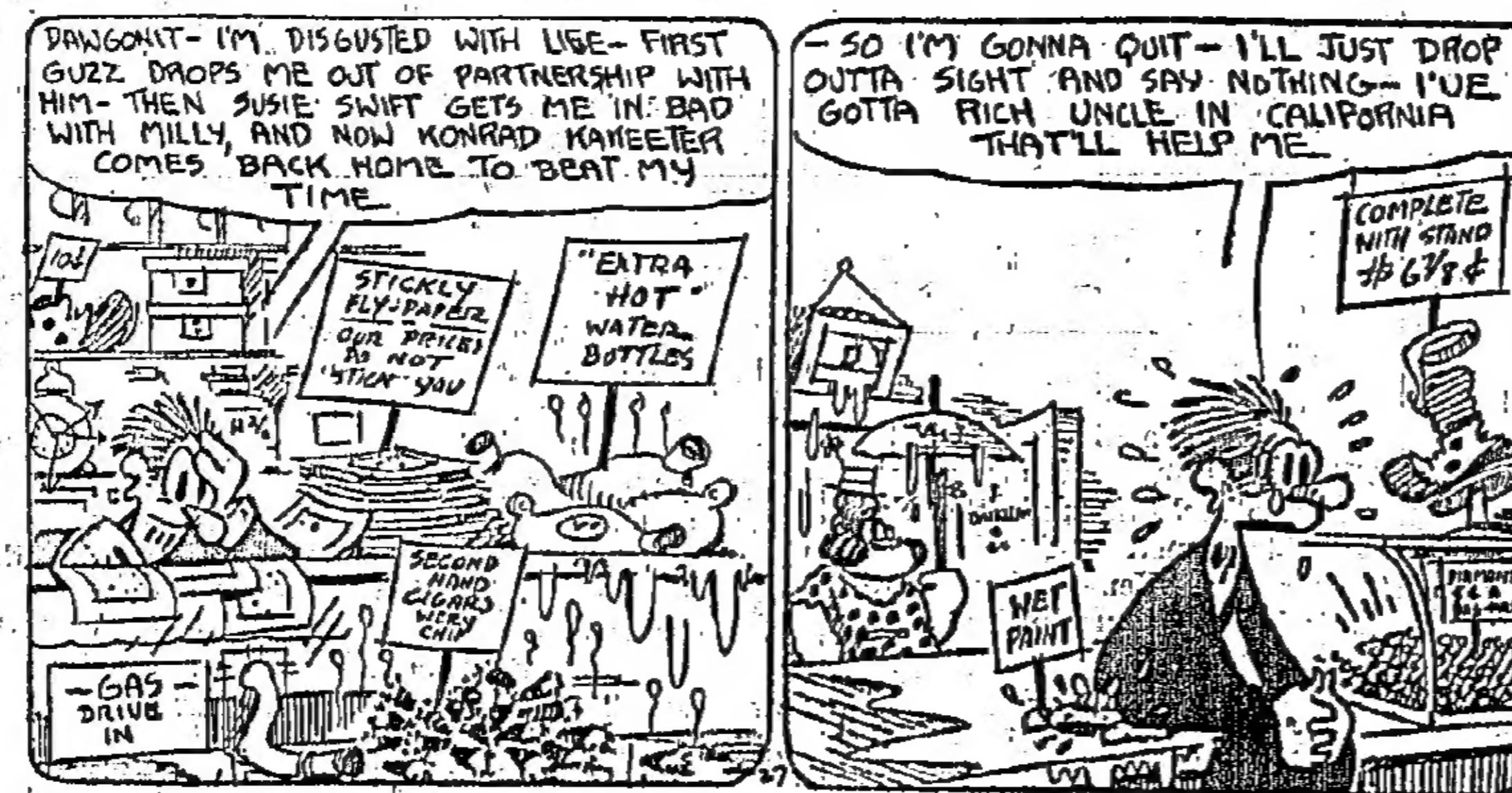
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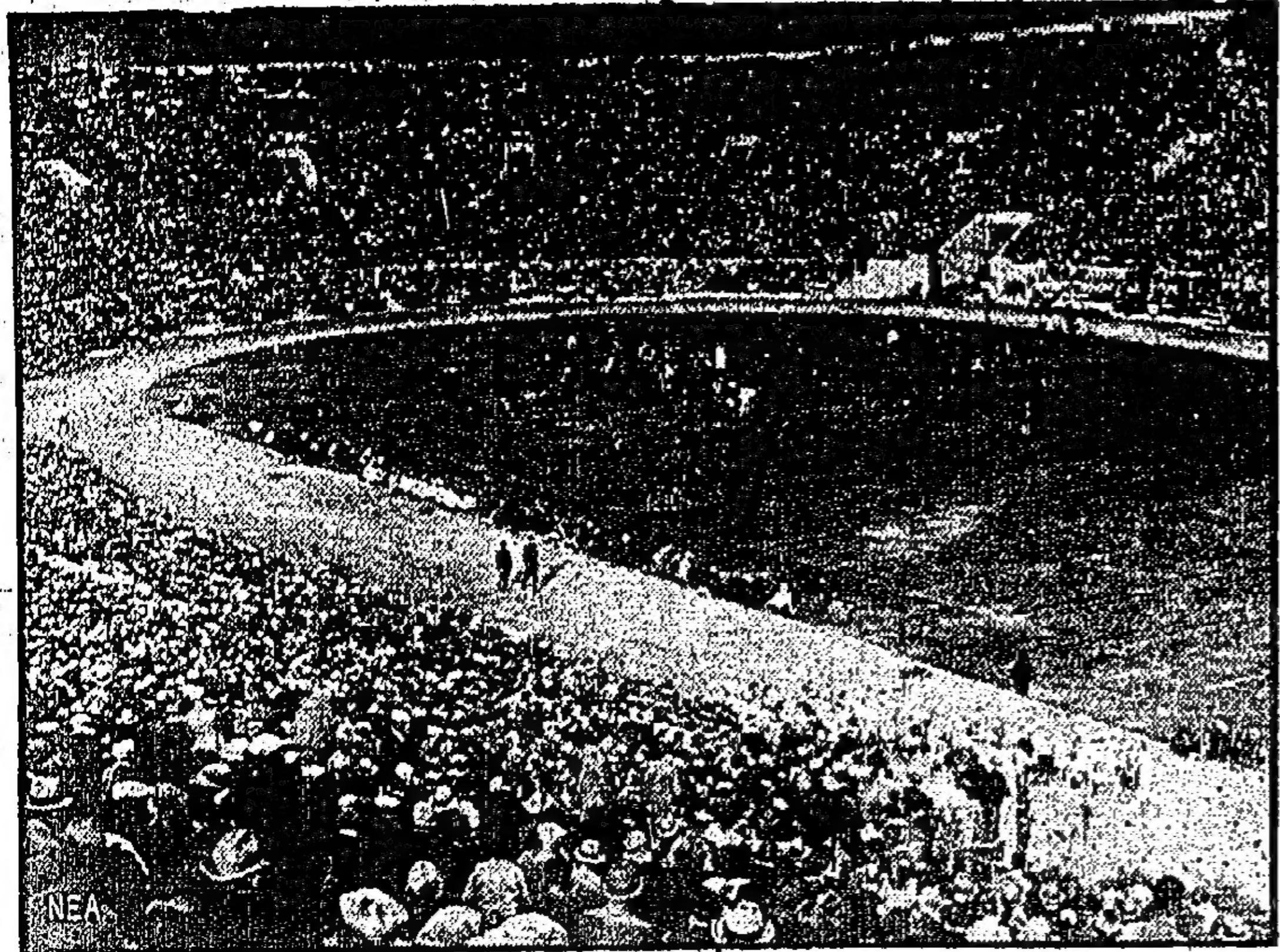
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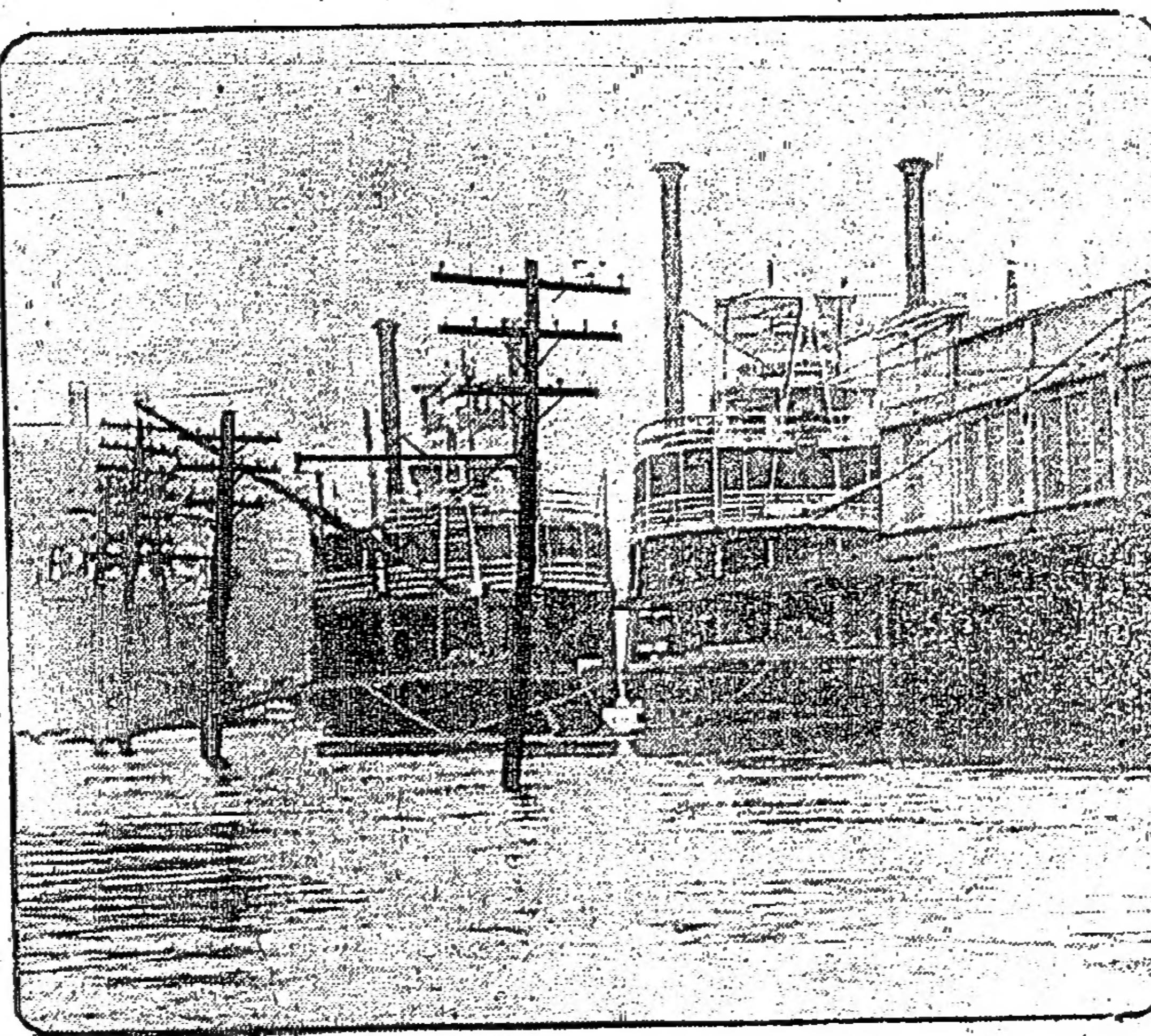
TREMENDOUS FOOTBALL CROWD.—Sixty thousand persons saw the epic Alabama-Stanford football game—an east U. S. west deadlock—in the Pasadena Rose Bowl at Pasadena, California, New Year's Day. Here is how the huge stadium looked, jammed with people cheering on the two splendid teams which were battling on the field. The score was 7-7, Alabama robbing Stanford of victory by a touchdown in the last minute or two of play.



CALLES GREET MME. KOLLONTAY.—Mme. Kollontay, Soviet Russia's woman ambassador to Mexico, and one of the few woman diplomats in the world, presents her credentials to President Calles on her arrival in Mexico City to take up her official duties.



HEAD OF U. S. TELEPHONE GIRLS.—Miss Cecilia Seymour, 25, is on her way from Omaha to New York to become advisory superintendent of nearly all the telephone girls in the United States. She will teach instructors how to instruct chief operators in all the companies of the Bell system.



STEAMERS GO ADRIFT IN STREETS.—There was plenty of water in the downtown streets of Nashville, Tennessee, for big river steamers after the recent floods had had their say. This shows two big boats drifting down the centre of a thoroughfare after the rising waters had carried them away from their docks.



FLATFORD MILL FOR THE NATION.—It has recently been announced that Flatford Mill and Willy Lott's cottage at East Borgholt, Suffolk, famous for their associations with the great East Anglian painter Constable, have been acquired by Mr. T. R. Parkington, of Ipswich, for presentation to the nation. Our photograph, which was taken recently, shows Willy Lott's cottage from the mill bridge. (Times copyright).



LEADS NEW CULT.—Shoes and hats have no place in the religion of the Rev. Claybourne Martin, picturesque evangelist of a new cult. The picture shows him braving icy winds with his head and feet bare as he goes about the streets of Washington with his tambourine and satchel.

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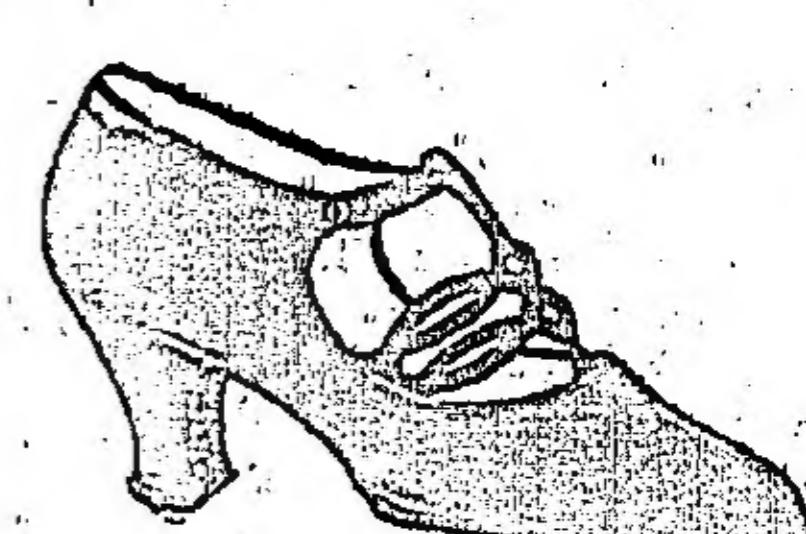
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By Order,
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JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th Jan., 1927.

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THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 14th February to Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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By Order of the Board,
C. G. COBLEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th Feb. 1927.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, 10th March, 1927.

Entries will definitely close at 1 p.m. on Monday, 28th February, 1927, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but intending Exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Schedules are being prepared and will be sent to all members who have paid their subscription for the current year.

Members who have not yet paid their subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNE, care of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

By Order,
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JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th Feb., 1927.

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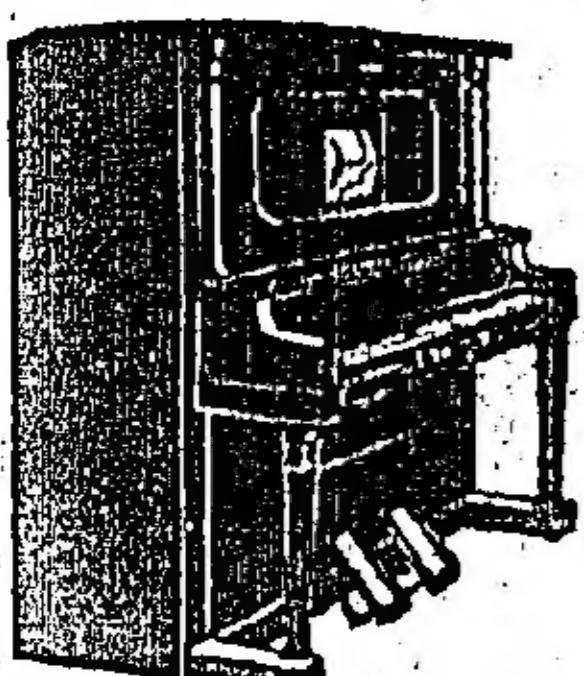
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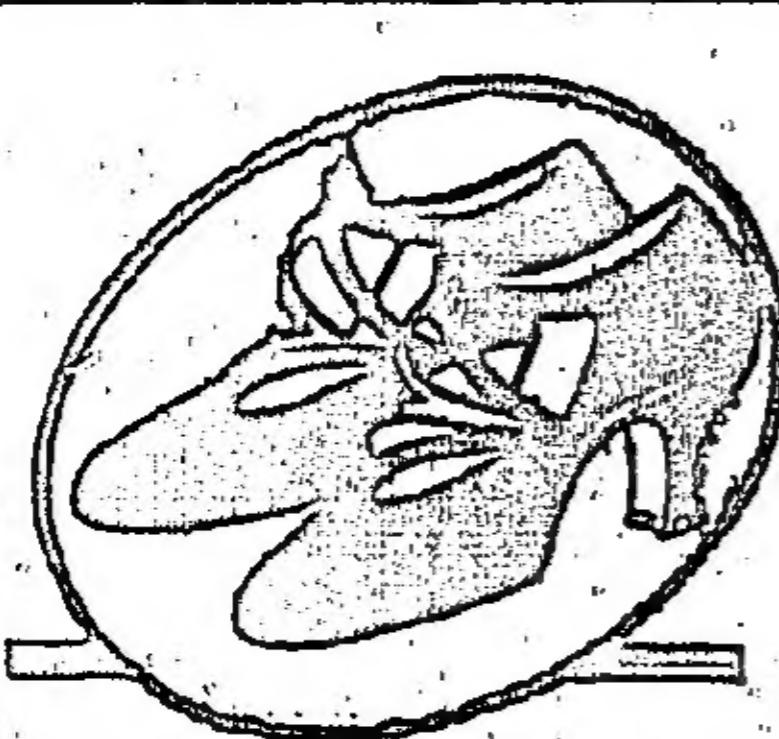
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CHINA CRISIS.

HOME PRESS COMMENTS.

London, Feb. 9. A survey of the Press shows that the hopeful reference to the Chinese situation in the King's Speech and the reassuring statement of Cabinet policy made in Parliament by the Premier, express completely the general sentiment of the British public.

The Times says Mr. Baldwin's statement leaves little opening for criticism. It re-affirms in unassailable terms the principles and plane which underlie British policy.

The Daily Telegraph discusses the statement that the actual disembarkation at Shanghai would be decided in accordance with the facts of the local situation and that if an immediate landing there were not advised by the British representatives on the spot the troops would in any case be held in readiness at Hongkong.

It remarks that the question is one of security and nothing else. If that can actually be guaranteed by the presence of a defence force at such a distance from the place were protection may be required, public opinion will be satisfied.

The Morning Post says Mr. Baldwin's statement will be heartily approved throughout the country.

Protection Only.

The Daily Express welcomes the emphasis which was again laid on the fact that the troops have been despatched only for the protection of lives against mob violence and armed attack, and that Britain will maintain her traditional policy of non-interference in Chinese internal affairs. "Britain once more offers to remove all real grievance and to establish relations of friendship and good will. That is an unimpeachable policy and one that is bound to succeed if China cares to emulate Britain in the matter of good faith and straightforwardness."

The Daily News believes that the changes for the better in China in the past few days hold out a reasonable chance of a peaceful issue being reached. It adds that both nations have now had leisure to study the British proposals and realise something of their enormous significance to the future of China. These proposals are the best possible answer to Russian propaganda against Britain."

The Manchester Guardian, referring to the decision regarding the troops says: "We are now broadly in line with the United States, who have also strengthened their forces in Far Eastern waters but have declined to dispatch any to Shanghai itself, until necessity arises."—British Wireless.

French Comment.

Paris, Feb. 9. The Press continues to feature the crisis in China.

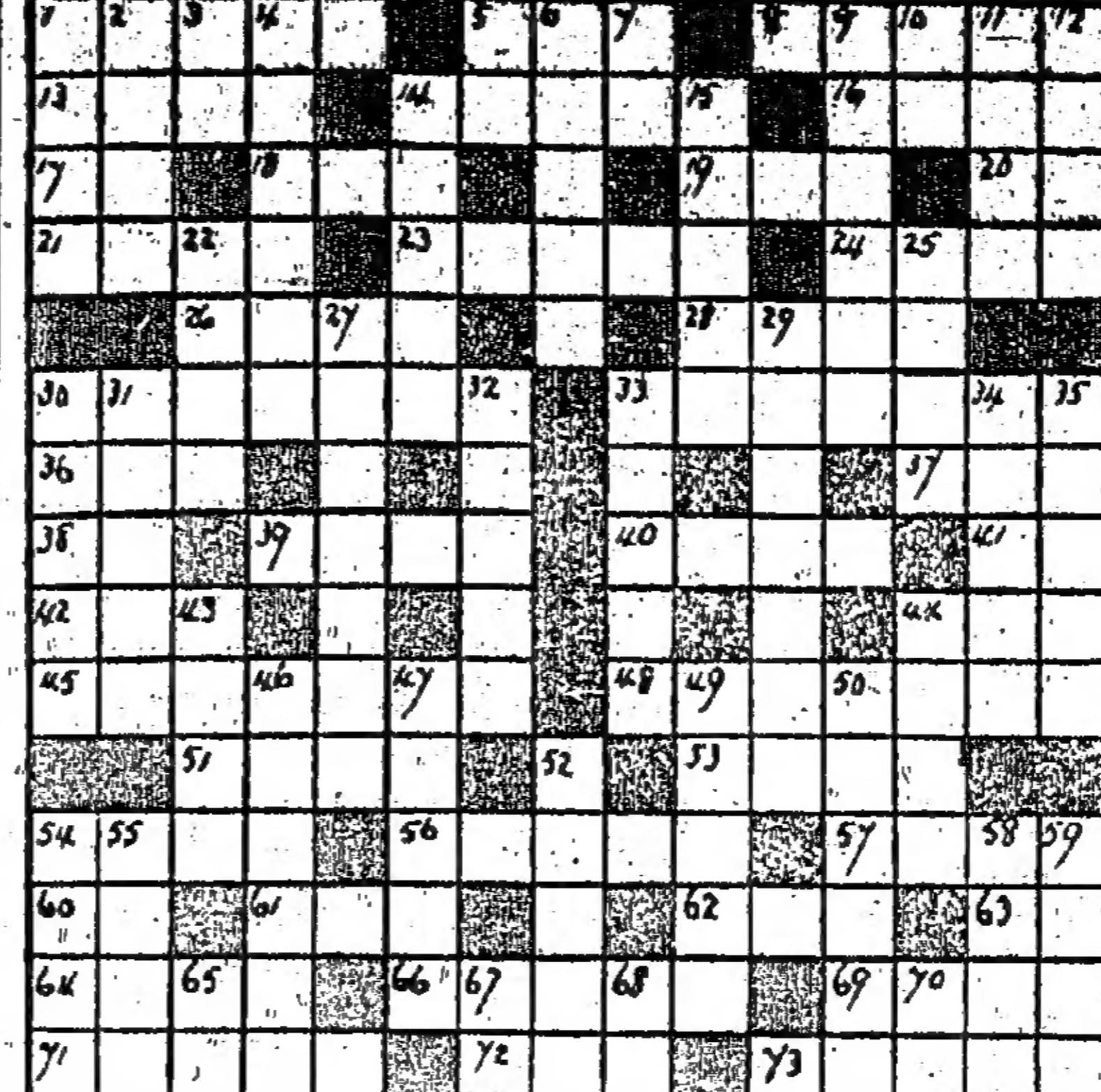
The Figaro, in an article entitled the "Anglo-American Entente" says that the Chinese drama and its repercussions all over Asia is severely straining Anglo-American co-operation. It thinks Britain must now begin to realise the price she paid for "sacrificing that Anglo-Japanese alliance on the altar of American friendship." She doubtless feels, although she does not complain openly, that American support, the financial importance of which she recognises, is too slow to make itself felt in other spheres. Reuter.

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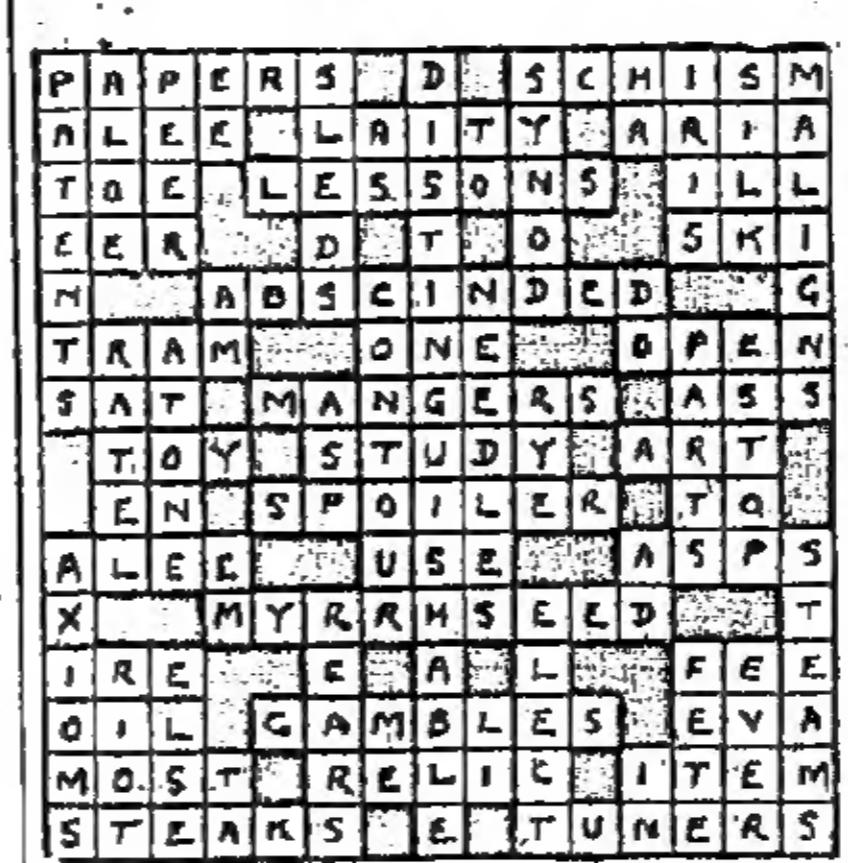
London, Feb. 9. In the face of strong competition from continental shipbuilders, British firms have secured orders for six, oil tank vessels for an oil refining company of Pittsburgh, United States of America. The total value of the contracts is about \$1,000,000.—British Wireless.

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10 Morning.
11 Climbing plant.
12 Famous garden.
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14 Wooden frame.
15 Retain.
16 Finishes.
17 Walk falteringly.
18 Walk like a child.
19 Part of the arm.
20 Proportion.
21 Happening.
22 Old fashioned woman.
23 Species of duck.
24 Idle bee.
25 Salver.
26 Vestibule.
27 Encountered danger.
28 Beautiful maiden.
29 Streamlets.
30 Placed.
31 Love greatly.
32 Stupid fellow.
33 Song.
34 Portrait.
35 Small lake.
36 Gentleman's title.
37 Aloft.
38 Thanks.
39 Auxiliary verb.
40 Yesterday's Puzzle.



U. S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

FRIENDS THINK COOLIDGE WILL ACCEPT.

Washington, Feb. 9.

In connection with the speculation as to whether President Coolidge will accept nomination for re-election in 1928 an interesting note is that while the President refuses to discuss the question his friends are of the opinion that he would accept the nomination if it were offered to him, while the more enthusiastic of his friends declare that if business conditions in the United States continue prosperous he will receive the nomination "on a platter." Senator Borah, who like Dr. Butler is believed to be hoping for the nomination, wrote a letter to the latter to-day promising to help him to make a good showing at the next Presidential Convention. Unlike Dr. Butler, however, Senator Borah is seeking the nomination as a dry advocate.

REVOLT IN PORTUGAL.

WARSHIP TO PROTECT BRITISH INTERESTS.

London, Feb. 9.

Little reliable news is available of events at Lisbon and Oporto where a revolutionary movement is in progress. A British cruiser has been despatched from Gibraltar to Lisbon and two destroyers to Oporto to protect British lives and interests should they be endangered during the disturbances.—British Wireless.

American Legation Hit.

Washington, Feb. 9. The State Department is informed by the American Minister at Lisbon that the American Legation has been repeatedly hit by rifle and machinegun bullets and has therefore been abandoned. The Minister describes the situation as very serious.

Reuter learns that the United States Government has no intention at present of sending warships into Portuguese waters.—Reuter.



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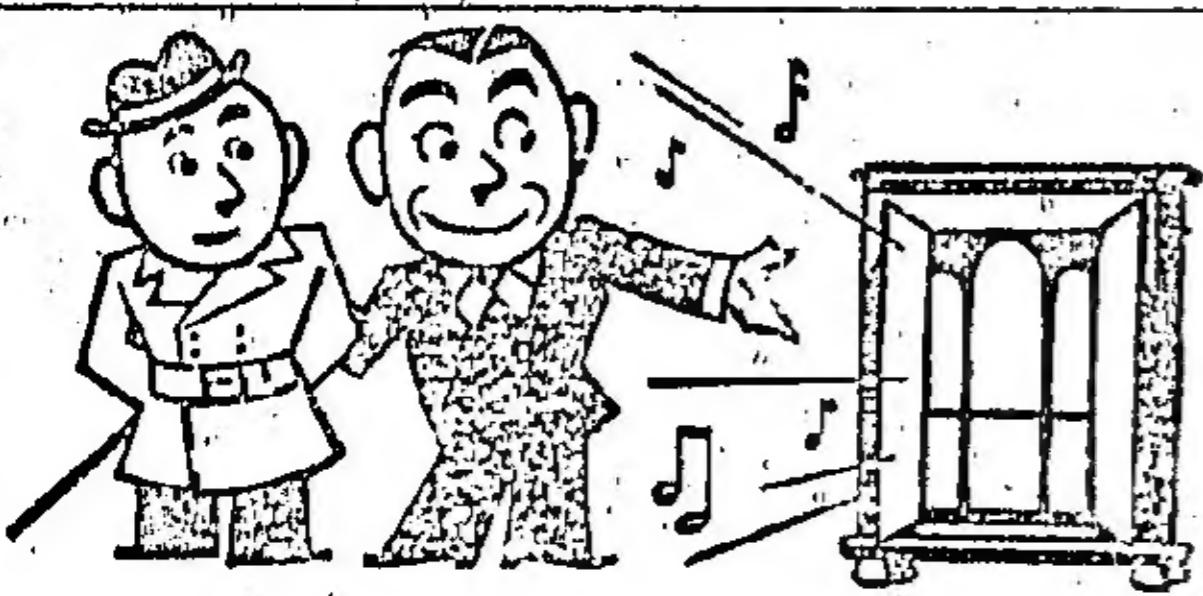
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A FREE HAND.

In the thoroughly outspoken and candid speech on the China crisis which Mr. Baldwin delivered in the House of Commons on Tuesday, probably the most important pronouncement made was that there could be no question of entering into any arrangement with Mr. Eugene Chen or anyone else in connection with the movements of the British troops which are being sent out East. When Mr. Chen broke off the negotiations with Mr. O'Malley, he gave as his reason the proposed concentration of British troops in Shanghai; and since then the Peking authorities have also protested against these movements. Britain, however, retains the right of deciding for herself where and when she shall despatch armed forces for the protection of British lives and property, and on this point she cannot concede any dictation either from Peking or Hankow.

Much has been made by Labour speakers and others of the possibility of the present difficulties between Britain and the Nationalists being adjusted by the giving of assurances by the latter, but we think Mr. Baldwin effectively answered this argument in his speech on Tuesday. The position is quite clear. Britain has a duty to protect the lives and property of her nationals in Shanghai, and with conditions as they are, she is thoroughly justified in taking every possible precaution in that direction. At the moment, the question of the future of the Shanghai International Settlement does not come within the ambit of the Hankow discussions, and for that reason it does not become Mr. Chen to seek to make the reaching of an agreement with Britain dependent on the defection of the British troops now bound for Shanghai. As the Prime Minister has well put it, China is in a state of civil war, and so long as that is the case there is a distinct danger of Shanghai becoming involved in the struggle. That being the case, Britain, as well as the other Powers, must see to it that sufficient forces are near at hand to deal with any emergencies which may arise. The Nationalists and the Peking authorities may, in all good faith, give assurances that foreign lives and

property will be safeguarded, but in view of what has happened at other places in the Yangtze zone it is only natural that the Powers should decide to leave nothing to chance. It requires very little for a Chinese mob, or even Chinese troops to get out of hand, and when the full possibilities are contemplated, no-one can blame foreign Governments for determining to remain on the alert.

Conditions may or may not make it necessary for Britain to send to Shanghai all the military and naval units which have been assigned for duty in the Far East. Much must necessarily depend on the manner in which the situation develops. The point to be stressed—and it seemingly still needs reiteration—is that these forces are being sent out solely as a precautionary measure. There may never be any occasion to utilise their services. We hope there will not be. But neither Britain nor any other Power can be expected to yield to either Chinese faction the right of handling the defence forces in such manner as is thought wisest and best.

Trading Union Law.

Against much advice to the contrary, the Conservative Government is determined to go ahead on its proposal to reform the law governing Trade Unions, and there is the prospect of a stormy session ahead. It is alleged by the Labour Party that there is a political consideration behind the Government's intention and that the Government is taking an unfair advantage of its position of holding office to weaken the power of the Trade Unions and, indirectly, strike a blow at the power of the Labour Party. As we do not know the proposals of the measure we cannot judge of the truth or otherwise of that assertion, but there can be little doubt that the Government does lay itself open to the charge. On the other hand, it must be conceded that if the Government considers the present law governing Trade Unions to be in need of revision or alteration, then it has the bounden duty of introducing a reforming measure. To our mind, the source of the trouble lies in the fact that the Labour Party is, as a political party, far too much bound up with the Trade Union movement, which ought to be solely concerned with the industrial welfare of the country's workers. The uniting of the workers of any trade for their mutual protection is a legitimate act of organisation, but when that act grows into a country-wide movement affecting all trades and all workers who weld themselves into a powerful Trade Union Congress it is to be questioned whether it is an act of organisation for the country's good. If that Congress was a great political party in its trail, Political parties should be directed in the general interests and not in any special 'class' interests, but the Labour Party is so inextricably bound up with Trade Unions and vice versa that it is often exceedingly difficult to distinguish between the political acts of the one and the industrial acts of the other. And so, the Government's intention to revise the law governing Trade Unions (and we think that, in some respects, that law should be revised), is going to raise a political hornet's nest. But Mr. Baldwin seems to think he can carry it through. To us, he appears very bold—perhaps, a little over-bold.

Mr. Keates, who had gone carefully through Roget's Thesaurus, described the Socialist Party as fickle, irresolute and capricious. He referred to their wriggling when driven into a corner about their admission that they were one hundred per cent red. They had denied their own creed. How could confidence be placed in them? There was a considerable amount of dust being thrown in eyes at this stage of the proceedings, but in any case it was no business of the electors where the speaker was the night before.

Those people who have been listening to the Progressives with itching palms, he continued, should first find out how much their promises were worth. They talked glibly of an advertising campaign, without mentioning figures, but nationwide publicity would involve the town of Mudford in an expenditure far exceeding the cost of the elaborate schemes under review.

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MUDFORD MATTERS.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

MILK NOT PUMP WATER.

Bert Dand, the Socialist Leader, arrived in Mudford yesterday, and fortunately he filled the missing gap. The Socialists had been twitted with having no policy, but Bert Dand sprung the desire for new houses for the workers, and between to-day and to-morrow they would support the Progressive policy.

The Progressive Party's benevolent gentleman, who has proved to be Mr. McArthur, the candidate himself, was the subject of criticism. "He was asked if he was naturalized, etc.

The following communiques have been issued from the respective political correspondents:

PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent, Mudford.)

An increase to four is reported in the rank and file of the Progressive party. At last night's meeting Mr. Sewell read a letter from a constituent which made it clear that someone had observed the starboard light in the Progressive programme.

Your correspondent interviewed Mr. Hutchinson Sewell last night, and the candidate, remarks to the contrary officially denied, expressed sincere belief in the party's prospects. Such optimism is what we like to hear, and we shall push forward to a glorious victory at the poll, especially if our adherents increase at the present rate.

Last evening's meeting was marked by a brilliantly forceful speech from the lips of Mr. Councillor Price (Prog.) and if rhetoric is sufficient to win the day, we are on blue velvet.

The grocer councillor, Mr. Greenham, was subjected to some rude remarks about sand in the sugar, but, there may be some excuse since he mentioned that Mr. Munn, the Socialist candidate was once employed in his establishment.

MODERATE PARTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent, Mudford.)

Mr. Councillor Sapsford occupied the chair at last evening's meeting, and Gerly notwithstanding, waved all the effective speeches of the Progressives aside with an airy movement of the hand. In deep distress, the opposition endeavoured to put him off his stroke, but he conveyed to them, between visits to the decency (which contained water) a bright and brotherly synopsis of the Moderate Party's policy and then introduced the speakers.

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SOCIALIST PARTY.

(From Our Own Correspondent, Mudford.)

To-night we were fortunate to have with us Comrade Dand, who has been absent for the last two days on business connected with the Carpenters' Union at Beachy Head. He conveyed from the Workers of Beachy Head this message:

DAY BY DAY.

LOVE LIVES ON, AND HATH A POWER TO BLESS WHEN THEY WHO LOVED ARE HIDDEN IN THE GRAVE.—Lowell.

There were no cases of communicable disease notified in the Colony yesterday.

St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club are holding an "At Home" at the Club house on Saturday afternoon.

"North-east winds, fresh; fair" is the forecast up till noon to-morrow, as issued by the Royal Observatory to-day.

Burglars entered No. 8, Wing Lok Street; in the small hours of yesterday morning, and made a haul of money and property amounting to \$260.

Skidding across the wet roadway, a motor-lorry ran into a lamp-post in Queen's Road West, yesterday, and knocked the standard down. The driver escaped injury.

During excavation work on the hillside at Tai Po Road a woman entombed, was injured by a piece of rock which became dislodged and dropped on her. She was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

A Chinese woman went to the Hau Wong Temple at Kowloon City to pray, yesterday, and whilst she prayed, a thief edged near her and stole \$40 from her jacket. She discovered her loss when she left the temple.

Convicted on evidence produced by Senior Revenue Officer Watt, a Chinese pawnbroker from No. 4, Peel Street, was to-day fined \$2,000 for possession of 116 taels of illicit opium. This was met from a bill of an exact amount which the defendant had deposited with the Court.

Rescaling of probate of the will of the late Rev. John Browne Ost, of Colney Heath Vicarage, St. Albans, who died on November 28, 1925, at Smallford Railway Station in the county of Hertford, has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, the lawfull attorney of Mrs. Mary Jane Ost, widow and sole executrix. Rev. Ost left English estate to the value of £1,973. 11s. 6d. and Hongkong estate to the amount of \$15,323.06 net. The latter sum included some \$5,000 held in trust for Mrs. Mary Jane Ost.

age to the Workers of Mudford, "Socialism is winning all along the line. We rely on the Men of Mudford to carry on the good work. Workers, never let it be said that Mudford let the brotherhood down. We have every confidence in you."

Continuing, he said: "Would such a hard-headed business man as one of the Progressive Candidates is, offer some unknown sum on security? (Cries of 'No'). What was the use of a Parking Plot and Garage to workers, who had no car; all they had was a pram, which they garaged beside the mangle in the scullery! They did not need garages, they wanted houses. The ground for the parking plot was needed for playgrounds for the kids."

Comrade Sapsford put forward an alternative scheme for the M.O.H. The Progressive Doctor, at \$2,000 per annum would mean an outlay of four shillings per head of the 10,000 population. The workers had among themselves one of the daughters of a townsmen, a girl who had had a brilliant career, finishing up with an F.C.R.S. after seven or eight years study, including two years in a London Hospital; this capable doctor was willing to come for a salary of \$600 per annum, out of love for her native town. The Socialist slogan, as opposed to the Moderate's cry, was Progress with Common-sense.

Comrade Dand, who arrived late owing to a rough sea outside the harbour, and the poor jetties accommodation, in a witty speech fired off some broadsides to the other parties. "My kids have to be fed from the Gluco centres, as fresh milk is too dear. If the Progressives could ensure that in place of the pump water there should gush forth from the bowels of the earth milk, I am with you!"

"We want municipal wash-houses. Now our wives hang their clothes in the backyards, and the soot from the factory of Keates, the Moderate Man, soils them at once!" "Workers should share in the fruits of their labours."

"Vote for Joe and Myself!"

The Very Idea!

The costermonger smiled happily at the thought that his donkey was enjoying a free feed.

"You're a good little girl to be so kind to a dumb friend," he said. "But who gave you those carrots?"

The little girl also smiled happily.

"I took them from the back of your barrow," she said.

Brave father bought himself some skates.

He thought the sport was grand.

But, shucks, he couldn't use them 'cause

He simply couldn't stand.

Permission to reinsert in a will words which had been bitten out by a dog was the unusual subject of a motion in the London Probate Court. The will was that of Mrs. Hannah Worrall, of Willenhall, Staffs. It was stated that after Mrs. Worrall's death a year ago a daughter dropped the will and a dog bit pieces out of it. Granting the application, Lord Morryvale observed: "There is no redress against the dog."

Some more schoolboy howlers.

The earth is in shape an oblate spheroid.

Ammonia is used as an epidemic.

Tennyson wrote a poem *Grave's Energy*.

According to the *Habeas Corpus* Act, a man cannot be tried twice for the same offence; so if a man steals a pig and is put in prison for it, when he comes out he cannot steal another pig and not be punished.

The large world of animal-lovers will rejoice to hear of the recovery of the cat which had for a fortnight secreted itself in the viscera of the Crystal Palace Organ. It was found to be suffering from a cold. Perhaps it was fortunate in escaping further complications. Loss of memory is the least of the deficiencies which one might expect of a cat caught in an organ recital; an experience for which it is a little difficult to imagine the human equivalent.

George was reading the paper when his wife came into the room.

"What do you think?" she said. "Mother has just been telling me that she has made up her mind to be cremated."

George was on his feet in an instant. "Very well, dear," he said briskly. "Tell her to put on her things."

A unique dispute has shaken the South Yorkshire coalfields where mining villages are arguing which is able to show the largest family. It began when a miner's wife residing at Donaby bore her nineteenth child, but Blackerhill possesses neighbours who are both fathers of twenty-two. Another resident, with seventeen, offered to field a football team to play any other eleven brothers, but Mrs. Austen, residing at Platts Common, put everyone else in the shade with her 24, besides four adopted children. One son weighs 16½ stone, and a daughter 13 stone. Mrs. Austen says, "My children are out to beat my record. One of my daughters already has twelve children, and two others eleven each." Nevertheless, the Austens are anxiously watching a neighbouring family which has had twins and triplets within thirteen months.

Nervous witness in Nottinghamshire: I have never been in a place like this before, so you cannot expect me to speak the truth.

A driver, summoned at Willesden for having no

MORE TOURISTS.

EMPERSS FLAGSHIP ARRIVES.

MILLIONAIRES ON BOARD.

With over 400 tourists on board, the s.s. Empress of Scotland, flagship of the Canadian Pacific Fleet, arrived here to-day in a round-the-world tour in which no fewer than 30 ports in 22 countries will be visited. In all, the cruise will last 162 days.

On arrival here, the Empress liner went to dock at Kowloon for minor adjustment of under-water fittings, and she is expected to go alongside at the Kowloon wharves to-morrow. For the convenience of seeing the sights of the Colony, the tourists have been divided into three groups, and the party will leave Hongkong for Shanghai on Sunday night.

This is the fourth world trip of the Empress of Scotland, which has proved herself to be an extremely comfortable and luxurious ship for world cruising.

Once again, there is a Round-the-World Golf Club on board, and the members thereof will play on the courses of the different countries visited. There are about 20 in this club, and invitations from golf clubs in the ports visited have been extended to them.

PROMINENT PASSENGERS.

Among the prominent passengers are Prince and Princess Pignatelli of Madison, Conn.; Lady E. Marie Roberts, of London, Mrs. Oscar Straus, of New York, wife of the former Ambassador to Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Walbridge, of New York, and Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McKim, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Walbridge is head of several western light and power companies and director of the J. G. White Engineering Corporation of New York. Dr. McKim is a noted physician and author, and is a member of the New York Academy of Medicine.

A picturesque figure on board is 73-year-old John Shea, retired tugboat captain, who is leaving his beloved Lake Superior for a time to survey the oceans of the world. The Empress of Scotland is of 25,000 tons gross register; 37,500 tons displacement; length, 699 feet; breadth, 77 feet. She has oil fuel quadruple expansion engines, and does a speed of 18 knots. There are eight decks for passengers, elevators and a gymnasium.

THE TOUR.

The liner left Southampton on November 13th, went to Canada and then started out from New York on December 2nd. The ports of call have been Funchal, Madeira; then Gibraltar, Algiers, Monastir, Naples, Haifa, Port Said, Suez, Bombay, Colombo, Padang, Batavia, Singapore and Manila. From Hongkong, the itinerary will be Shanghai, Peking, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, Hilo, San Francisco, Balboa, Cristobal and Havana. The Empress will return to New York on April 12.

A feature of the cruise is that the party was enabled to spend Christmas Eve in the Holy Land, a side tour placing them within easy reach of Nazareth, Tiberias, the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem, and New Year's Eve in Cairo.

The minimum fare for the trip is £134, a day, but American millionaires who enter into these world-tours so enthusiastically pay as much as £2,000 for the privilege of having an entire suite to themselves on their long voyage. There are several of these millionaires on board.

FINE APPOINTMENTS.

The public rooms aboard the Empress of Scotland are unusually capacious and exquisitely appointed. The dining-saloon can seat 436 people at one sitting, and is decorated in the Empire style in white and gold, the furniture being of mahogany upholstered in red morocco. The main lounge is of the Louis XVI period, with the furniture done in satinwood. The large ballroom also is done in Empire style, the walls being of inlaid satinwood with ormolu enrichments. The smoking rooms are decorated in Dutch style with oak walls and ceiling beams, enhanced by old ship lamps of the hanging type. The winter gardens both decorated in a trellis scheme of green and white, and equipped with wicker furniture, are favourite rendezvous.

THE PERSONNEL.

Mr. P. D. Sutherland, for 18 years in high official posts with the Canadian Pacific in the Orient,

SUNNING PIRACY.

TWO WOUNDED MEN CHARGED.

The last two suspects held in connection with the Sunning piracy, against whom proceedings had been deferred until their discharge from the Government Civil Hospital, appeared on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, being charged with acts of piracy by the Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. T. H. King), who outlined the case against both and called, as the first witness for the prosecution, Captain Pringle and a telegraph operator from the Sunning.

Mr. King said:—It is unnecessary to go over all the grounds of this case. I only deal now with the facts insofar as they apply to the two defendants. The first defendant will be identified by Mr. Beatty, the Chief Officer, who will state that he saw this man on the bridge in the early part of the piracy. There is no further identification of him individually, and the other chief item of evidence against him will be that when No. 6 boat was lowered from the poop deck, four armed men were seen to lift a wounded man into it, and that wounded man was the defendant, he being the only wounded man in the boat when it was lowered from the deck into the water. I shall prove that there was no other wounded man in the boat.

The evidence against the second defendant is much the same thing as has been heard in this case. He is the second of the two men who were knocked out on the bridge (the other man being the No. 20 defendant). Evidence of identification will be brought against him both by the Captain and Chief Officer, and also two members of the crew, who will say that he came to the forecastle and asked who they were. This was just after the piracy had commenced and before he got on the bridge. I shall first call Captain Pringle and the operator.

His Worship said before taking Captain Pringle's evidence, he proposed to cut out all the unnecessary evidence and deal with those incidents with which the two present defendants were said to have been connected.

Evidence was then taken.

FILL UP.

Vichy, the French health resort, has just celebrated the 101st birthday of Mr. Alexandre Gravier-Dumontet, whose grandfather was mayor of the town in 1791.

Having died within a few hours of each other, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn, both more than 89 years of age, were buried in the same grave at Penallt, Monmouthshire.

chiefly here in Hongkong, and this year, for a third time, director-in-charge of the world cruise, will direct the new South America-South Africa cruise next winter.

Commanding the Empress of Scotland again this year is Captain R. G. Latta. In his crew are 543 souls, including 48 officers. Among the latter are Staff Captain R. N. Stuart, V.C., D.S.O., R.N.R.; Chief Officer C. H. Sapsford; Chief Engineer A. E. Philip; Purser I. Walker Bartlett; Surgeon D. B. S. Jones, and Chief Steward E. H. Kirkpatrick.

Mr. Sutherland's cruise staff comprises F. L. Nason, San Francisco; W. H. Deacon, Portland, Ore.; A. R. Buchanan, Chicago; C. E. Elaney, Vancouver; D. O. Peatton, R. H. Carter, London; F. L. McCloskey, L. J. Rawley, Montreal; W. A. Shancleford, Boston, and B. H. Stearns, Shanghai. Mrs. Alice M. Camp, New York, is social hostess; Martin and Flora Nash DeMuth, also of New York, are the cruise artists, and Harry Polk, Calgary, Canada, is the official photographer.

FUTURE CRUISES.

In addition to her cruise around the world last year, when she arrived Hongkong on the same day, February 10, the Empress of Scotland has made three Mediterranean cruises, proving herself to be particularly well adapted to cruising service. Next year she will go to the Mediterranean again; the Empress of Australia, so well known on the Pacific, while on her trade run between Vancouver and Hongkong and now being re-engined in Glasgow, taking her place on the world cruise. The Empress of France, which called here two years ago, will undertake a new cruise to South America and South Africa.

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SHARE DEAL.

(Continued From Page 1.)

Mr. Turner:—I suppose your solicitors again misunderstood you when they wrote again demanding interest in November last year?

Plaintiff appeared to a little non-plussed but replied "Perhaps it is the ordinary course of the solicitor's work."

ONLY A BROKER.

Chan admitted he did not take up the shares himself, because he was only a broker.

Mr. Turner:—Was it that you never had them to deliver at all?—No.

If this agreement was entered into on August 26th, 1925, how is it that you never said anything about it to the defendant until sometime in November, 1926?—On August 26th, the defendant came and offered to pay the flat rate, but I had to see the seller before settling.

Mr. Turner repeated his question and plaintiff said he had mentioned the matter to the defendant in the street.

I believe you were financially hard hit by the fall in prices in June and July?—Everybody suffered a great loss, myself included.

SHARES PAID FOR.

Referring to Mr. Turner's question with regard to taking up the shares himself, Mr. Leask asked plaintiff if he had paid for the shares. He produced a receipt dated November 1st, 1926, for £920 in respect of the 500 shares.

Mr. Leask:—You were asked in the course of cross-examination why you have not pressed the defendant before. What is the reason?

Plaintiff:—Because I had to settle with the seller before I could sue.

Plaintiff agreed with Mr. Leask that on Settlement Day he did not actually have the shares to deliver, but he could get them from the seller as soon as he knew the price would be paid by the buyer.

Is that the usual practice on the Hongkong Stock Exchange?—Yes.

Plaintiff's son gave evidence and said he was present when the defendant visited his father's office and offered to pay the flat rate.

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ASSEGAI FIGHT.

97 CASUALTIES IN A FIVE-HOURS CONFLICT.

Bulawayo.—A man who knocked over a drum and assegai the drummer at a native holiday dance gave the signal to start a battle between rival tribesmen employed at a colliery at Wankie, in Southern Rhodesia.

For five hours the rivals fought with knobkerries, pick-handlers, and assegais; three men being killed and 94 wounded. Fifty huts were burned.

The defeated party took refuge in houses in town.

Europeans with shot-guns, using small shot, dispersed the visitors. The position is now normal. The battle was a purely tribal quarrel.

Mrs. Arnold, a widow, of Bedford Avenue, Barlet, has just celebrated her 103rd birthday.

any money. He denied the agreement.

SHARES NOT DELIVERED.

In reply to Mr. Leask, defendant admitted that he bought the shares at the price of \$14,155, with brokerage and stamp.

Have you paid for them?—No.

And yet you say you don't owe the plaintiff any money?—Because he has not delivered the shares.

Had he delivered the shares, would you have paid them?—If the shares were brought to me I would have paid for them.

Is that your usual practice?—It is my practice with other brokers.

Then you must owe a lot of money in Hongkong?—I don't owe any money.

Mr. Turner, in addressing his Lordships, said he must submit it was extremely improbable that the agreement had been entered into in the way in which he had been told.

The evidence was not conclusive enough to show that an agreement had been entered into, and the claim must fail because the plaintiff had not succeeded in discharging the onus of proving the agreement.

PLAINTIFF SUCCEEDS.

In giving judgment for the plaintiff with costs, Mr. Nibill said the defendant, on his own showing, never asked for the delivery of the shares or made any attempt to pay for them on Settlement Day, and he regarded that as the most salient fact in support of the plaintiff's contention that a settlement was agreed to on the flat rate.

The defendant's action or non-action was the most striking collaboration of the plaintiff's story, and he added, he found that the onus of proving a settlement was arrived at had been proved to his satisfaction.

TOWN OF QUEER TRADES.

LONDON'S SECRETS IN THE DIRECTORY.

A list of the 5,000 trades and professions carried on by Londoners is one of the most interesting sections, for the reader who browses through it, in all the 4,000 pages that make up Kelly's Post Office London Directory for 1927, which has just been issued.

In London you may find at once in your hour of need, such workers as:

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Borrowwash, or Clyst-St.

Mary

you may see at once which railway

will take you there, and what hotel

will welcome you. You are also

told that bankers will accommo-

dinate you in Agen, the Aegean, or

Aberchirder.

Information about parking your

motor-car can be obtained by a

study of an abstract of the Acts

pursuant to 32 and 33 Vic. cap.

115 and 7 Edward VII, ch. 55, and

you should be a shoe-black there is

a reliable guide to your conduct

in the same section.

One queer entry informs us

that at 43, Whitecomb-street, W.C.2,

lives Mr. William No. 1 Harry.

Mr. Harris is one of the four sons of

the late Mr. William Harris, of

Smithfield, the "Sausage King,"

who named three of his sons Wil-

liam, and dubbed them No. 1 No.

2, and No. 3.



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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let it be known through the columns of your paper, the conditions governing the "Amateur" Cups, which are kindly being presented by Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. H. Green at the forthcoming Flower Show.

The Cup presented by Mr. Plummer is for the best exhibit of pot plants whilst the Cup presented by Mr. Green is for the best exhibit of vegetables entered in any of the Open or Peat classes by members who have not exhibited before or who have never won a prize at any Flower Show in Hongkong.

In offering these prizes the donors wish to encourage small gardeners, particularly those who tend their own gardens or keep only one gardener.

Special tickets will be issued on application to those wishing to compete for these cups on which they will be asked to make the following declaration:

1. I have never won a prize at any Hongkong Flower Show.
2. I tend my own garden entirely myself or keep only one Chinese gardener.
3. I abide by the Rules of the Society governing ownership and exhibits as printed in the schedule.

I shall be pleased to supply any further information that may be required by intending exhibitors for these "Amateur" Cups.—Yours, etc.,

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong Horticultural Society,
Hongkong, Feb. 9, 1927.

HONGKONG WEDDING.

LOCAL CHINESE DOCTOR MARRIED.

The wedding of Dr. Phoon Seck-wah, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phoon Sze-leong, and Miss Chan Suen-lan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Chan-Harr, took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Lee Kau-yan and Rev. H. Copley Moyle officiating. Mr. F. Mason was at the organ.

Entering the church on the arm of her father, by whom she was given away, the bride wore a gown of silver lace over white satin charmeuse trimmed with orange blossoms and silver roses. Her bouquet was of white roses while she wore a veil of Nottingham net and orange blossoms.

The bridesmaid, Miss Elsie Poon In-tung, was attired in a dress of apricot crepe de Chine trimmed with silver lace and set off with posy, while the flower girls, Miss Mabel Chan and Miss Au, wore mauve crepe de Chine and shell pink crepe de Chine, with bouquets of sweet peas. Master Chan Harr was page boy, in a suit of pale blue satin.

The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. S. Q. Phoon.

Following the ceremony at the church, a reception was held at St. John's Hall (University), after which Dr. and Mrs. Phoon sailed for Singapore where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going away dress was of shell pink embroidered with sequin.

THE RUPEE.

GOVERNMENT CENSURED FOR POSTPONEMENT.

New Delhi, Feb. 9. The Assembly by a vote of 52 to 45 carried a motion censuring the Government for its decision to postpone the Exchange Ratio Bill.

The Government spokesmen had declared that the House must weigh the advantages and disadvantages of the two ratios, after knowing whether under the sixteen-penny ratio it would be called upon to abandon the policy of the remission of provincial contributions as to impose additional taxation would hamper railway development.—Reuter.

U. S. IMMIGRATION.

NEW QUOTA MAY NOT TAKE EFFECT.

Washington, Feb. 9. The new immigration quotas, even if finally adopted, cannot become effective before July 1928 instead of 1927, in consequence of the Senate resolution in favour of postponement, which the House Immigration Committee has approved.

The committee also drafted an amendment repealing the new provision altogether, leaving the regulation of immigration on the existing basis.—Reuter's American Service.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

NEW CAPTAINS FOR CHINA CRUISERS.

New Captains have been appointed to the cruisers "Vindictive" and "Emerald." The "Vindictive" was commissioned two years ago for the China station and the "Emerald" a year ago for the East Indies station, but she has lately been lent to the China station owing to the China disturbances.

Captain Robert B. Ramsay takes over the command of the "Vindictive," a sister ship to the flagship "Hawkins." He has had much experience in submarines and was promoted in June 1924, just after taking over the command of the submarine depot ship "Lucia" of the Mediterranean Fleet, which command he retained until last June.

The new Captain of the "Emerald" is Captain Harold C. C. Franklin, who has not previously been in command since his promotion in June 1925. He was the First Lieutenant of the "Queen Elizabeth," when he was promoted to Commander in December 1917, and was the Commander of the "Lion" at the end of the war. He afterwards served on the naval staff with young officers studying at Cambridge University, on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief at the Nore, and in the "Barham," when flagship of the First Battle Squadron, Atlantic Fleet.

Commander Henry I. M. Scott was appointed in August 1925 to the destroyer "Telemaurus," which had been attached to the Atlantic Fleet for instructional duties at the Port Edgar Base in minelaying. Last September he and his upper deck officers were transferred to the flotilla leader "Abdiel," and the "Telemaurus" was paid off into dockyard control at Sheerness. A further change is now to be made, as the destroyer "Tyrian," which has been attached to the Portsmouth division of the Reserve Fleet since leaving the Atlantic Fleet, is to relieve the "Abdiel" as minelaying vessel.

LATEST APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been made by the Admiralty.

Commander W. R. Richardson, to H. M. S. "Titania," additional to "Titania," for command of submarine (Jan. 20).

Lieutenant Commander B. R. Cooper, to H. M. S. "Titania," additional, and to "Titania," for command of a submarine from date of joining (Jan. 20).

Commd. Bosn, E. R. West, to H. M. S. "Hermes," (Jan. 10). Comd. Bosn, W. Caspman, to H. M. S. "Titania" (Jan. 10).

Commander L. H. K. Hamilton, to H. M. S. "Egmont," additional, for H. M. S. "Wanderer" (Jan. 6) and to "Wanderer," in command, for passage to China, recommissioning, and to "Wild Swan," in command, on relief.

Lieutenant Commander M. S. Spalding, D.S.C., lent to H. M. S. "Wolverine," in command, for passage to China, on recommissioning, and to "Wolsey," command, for passage to Malta.

Lieutenant Commander C. C. Hughes-Jallett, to H. M. S. "Vindictive" (Jan. 8).

Surgeon Lieutenant, J. G. C. Boyle M. B., to H. M. S. "Egmont," additional, for duty in H. M. S. "Wolverine" and "Wanderer," as required, to take passage in H. M. S. "Conquest," (Jan. 6).

SHANGHAI COUNCIL.

CHINESE WANT EQUAL SEATS.

Shanghai, Feb. 9. The Chinese Ratepayers Association, which is entrusted with the election of three Chinese to the Shanghai International Municipal Council now demand the election of nine Chinese as the present Council consists of nine foreigners, on the ground that the British proposals offered the Chinese a share in the administration of the concessions.

At the annual meeting of the foreign ratepayers it was agreed that three Chinese should be elected to the Council.—Reuter.

U. S. RAILWAYS.

STOCK PRICES SLUMP.

New York, Feb. 9. Traders short of "Wheeling and Lake Erie" stock who were hoping for relief when the market opened, were grievously disappointed to find the stock open at ten points higher. Shares later changed hands at 130, which is a rise of over a hundred in a few weeks.

The stock later sagged to a hundred on reports that the Stock Exchange Board was contemplating intervention.—Reuter's American Service.

PERSIAN AIRMAIL.

WEEKLY SERVICE TO RUSSIA.

Tehran, Feb. 9. The first weekly North Persian airmail service has been inaugurated, a German Junkers machine leaving Enzeli through to Russia.—Reuter.

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COURT SEQUEL TO MOTOR ACCIDENT.

It was stated during the hearing of a charge of manslaughter at the Central Magistracy yesterday that after a man had been knocked down a crowd of coolies adopted a threatening attitude and that the driver was forced to seek police protection.

The prosecution was a sequel to a recent inquest when a verdict of manslaughter was returned by the coroner against the driver of a public car who knocked down an old coolie in Queen's Road West.

Evidence yesterday for the prosecution showed that when the car was examined the windscreen was smashed. In the opinion of the Police mechanic this could not have been caused by the accident, but could easily have been caused by poles wielded by coolies. The sparking plugs had to be cleaned before the engine would start and even then it was scarcely possible for the car to do 20 miles an hour.

Another coolie said the man who was knocked down was carrying a 100 lb bag of peanuts from a junk to the godown across the road. Cross examined by Mr. G. A. S. Russ who appeared for the defence, witness said that despite the load on his shoulder the man could look

to right and left. Witness further stated that the crowd of coolies did not adopt a menacing attitude but admitted they followed the car and kept within a few feet of it while it travelled 200 or 300 yards.

The case was adjourned.

Dying within a few hours of each other, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn, of Pentwyn Cottage, Penallt, both of whom were over 80, were buried in the same grave.

Rev. B. R. H. Spaul, minister of Salem Church, York, is to be Minister of Highgate Congregational Church, in succession to the Rev. William Blackshaw.



HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH CUP DRAW.

London, Feb. 9.—The draw for the third round of the Scottish Cup was made today, resulting as follows: East Fife v Dunfermline, Dundee v Celtic, Rangers v Hamilton, Falkirk v Mid-Annandale, Buckie Ths. v B'ness, Dundee Un. v Brechin or Motherwell, Alloa v Arthurlie, Clyde v Partick. Matches to be played on February 19th.

YESTERDAY'S REPLAYS.

Aberdeen were sensationaly defeated at home by East Fife in a Scottish Cup replay yesterday. The results were:

First Round.	
Montrose	3 Dykehead
Second Round.	
Dundee	5 Kilmarnock
Aberdeen	1 East Fife
Dumbarton	0 Alloa

SCOTTISH LEAGUE RESULTS.

Four Scottish League matches played to-day resulted as follows: Airdrie 4 Morton 0, Dundee Un. 0 Falkirk 2, St. Johnstone 3 Hamilton 2, Motherwell 0 Cowdenbeath 0.

ENGLISH LEAGUE RESULTS.

Newcastle, the leaders of the First Division, were defeated at Manchester yesterday, while, in the Third Division Bristol City were checked by Norwich. English league matches played, resulted as follows:

Division I.	
Manchester Un.	3 Newcastle
Division II.	
Notts County	2 Wolverhampton
Division III (South).	
Crystal Pal.	1 Exeter
Bristol City	1 Norwich
	—Renter.

CHINA TROUNCED.

SERVICES SCORE NINE GOALS.

The team which was fielded to represent China against the United Services at Soo-kun-poo last evening, was by no means the best side which could have been put into the field, and the defeat by nine goals to one, was no exaggeration of the overwhelmingly superiority of the soldiers.

Norby (4), Alexander (3), and Stock (2) scored the Services goals, while Fung King-cheong netted the only China goal with a nice header, which equalised the first goal of the match, scored by Alexander from the spot.

CRICKET.

INTER FACULTY MATCH AT UNIVERSITY.

Playing on the University ground at Pak-fu-lam yesterday afternoon, the Arts faculty beat the Medical faculty by two wickets.

The medics batted first and scored 157 runs, of which Kurnjanh contributed 67 and Lee 29. The Arts students passed their opponents' total with two wickets in hand. T. E. Yeow scored 67.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. H.M.S. Tumai.

The following will represent the Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI in a League match against H.M.S. Tumai on Saturday:—P. Jackson, H. C. Burgess, J. D. Crawford, P. W. Lee, D. E. G. Nicholson, F. T. Orr, H. E. Standage, H. J. Stevenson, J. A. Summers, G. D. Wales, W. Wooding.

Civil Service Teams.

The following will represent the Civil Service Club against Kowloon, on the Kowloon ground, at 2 p.m., on Saturday:—B. D. Evans (Capt.), G. R. Sayer, A. E. Wood, E. C. Fincher, F. Baker, F. H. Holdman, F. J. de Rome, E. W. Hamilton, F. E. Lawrence, F. J. Ling and R. C. Witchell.

The Civil Service "A" team against Kowloon, 2nd, on the C.S.C.C. ground, at 2 p.m., on Saturday will be:—J. H. B. Nihill

LOCAL HOCKEY.

GOALKEEPER'S FINE DISPLAY.

A remarkably fine goalkeeping performance was put up by Aubrey for the Royal Navy, when they played a hockey fixture with the first eleven of the Club at the United Services Recreation ground, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon. The game ended in a draw of one goal each, but had not Aubrey played as well, there is little doubt but that the Club would have run out winners comfortably. If anything, the Club had the most of the play, and their line of attack seemed to be stronger than the sailors'.

Following their usual style, the Navy put plenty of vim into their play early in the game, and Atkinson put them ahead after fifteen minutes. The Club retaliated strongly, and repeatedly seemed to be on the verge of netting, but Aubrey was not to be beaten, and saved shots of all sorts from all angles. It remained for Woodward to equalise, in the last ten minutes, after several attempts by him had been frustrated.

CLUB "A" v. RECREO.

The following will represent the Club "A" against Club de Recreio on Friday at King's Park at 5.15 p.m. sharp:—A. Hunter, A. C. Howell, J. C. Thomson, L. P. Thomas, W. S. Drake, L. F. Nicholson, T. P. Saunders (Capt.), L. A. R. Duncan, W. H. Newman, H. C. Maenamara and F. S. Nicholls.

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Eleanor Boardman, looking at you with her steady grey-eyed gaze, convinces you forthwith that this is not only the sanest, but the most entertaining of all possible worlds. And possible proof of her sanity will be found in the story of "The Wife" of the Centaur," the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture produced by King Vidor, which will be shown at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-night and continue for three days.

Miss Boardman appears as Joan, whom readers of the novel upon the picture is found will remember as the "centaur's" wife. The "centaur" of Hume's story is a poet, in whom the spiritual and animal natures are at war, so that he is half-man and half-beast, like the monster of old fables.

"Joan was innocent of ideas," Miss Boardman explained, "but she certainly knew a great deal more about life than her clever husband. And so does every woman. You don't find women making a muddle out of their lives through abstract ideas. They know too much to be so foolish. But they rather expect men to be a little foolish; just as they expect children, animals and other irrational creatures to misbehave from time to time.

That is well illustrated in "Wife of the Centaur." Joan knew she loved this man who was fascinated by another girl of marvellous beauty, and she determined to have him. She knew he was foolish in matters of the heart, and that he was being led by the other girl through his centaurish nature. Patience is one of woman's chief attributes when it comes to love, and Joan started a careful campaign of sanity when in contact with him that meant a comfortable comradeship her rival could not offer. She won, and that's the point."

Trying to put out the flames when the clothes of her five-year-old daughter caught fire, Mrs. Thame, of Cefyn Forest (Mon.), was severely burned. The child died shortly afterwards.

(Capt.), A. R. Sutherland, R. S. W. Paterson, H. F. Westlake, R. H. Davies, G. H. Hallam, H. F. Harper, H. E. Strange, A. W. Grimmitt, P. P. O'Neill, and G. Sarn. Reserves:—W. F. J. Gorvin and R. G. Robertson.

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The dedication of the reconstructed organ of St. John's Cathedral is to take place on Wednesday next, and a very attractive booklet, giving the form of service, the programmes of three forthcoming recitals, a short history of the organ and a description of the reconstruction work has been issued.

Recitals are to be given at 5.45 p.m. on Friday, February 18th, by Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., I.T.C.L., the Cathedral organist; on Friday, February 25th, by Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L., the organist of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon; and on Friday, March 4th by Mr. Mason.

The booklet to hand contains some excellent photographs of the new organ, a description of the work, and a very well-deserved tribute to Mr. William G. Blackett, who has carried out the reconstruction.

HANKOW. RULE.

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apparently the underlying object of the scheme.

HIGH FINANCE.

Among a number of schemes for raising money reported to be projected by the Government here, there appears a sale of property. According to report from Chinese sources property in the Wu Han centre alleged to belong to northern sympathisers has now all been tabulated, and assessed at the value of two million dollars. The whole of this is to be sold almost immediately.

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"TELEGRAPH" FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The Hongkong Telegraph offers a prize of \$25 to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts (provided that number is eight or more) of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, February 12th) set out in the coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws. All entries must reach this office not later than noon on Saturday, February 12th.

The competition is run in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks ended October 9th and 16th, 1926.

Matches to be played on February 12th:

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Blackburn v. Leicester. Bolton v. Aston Villa. Bury v. Birmingham.

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NAGPORE	5,283	14th Mar.	S'gon, M'les, L'don A'werp & Rotterdam
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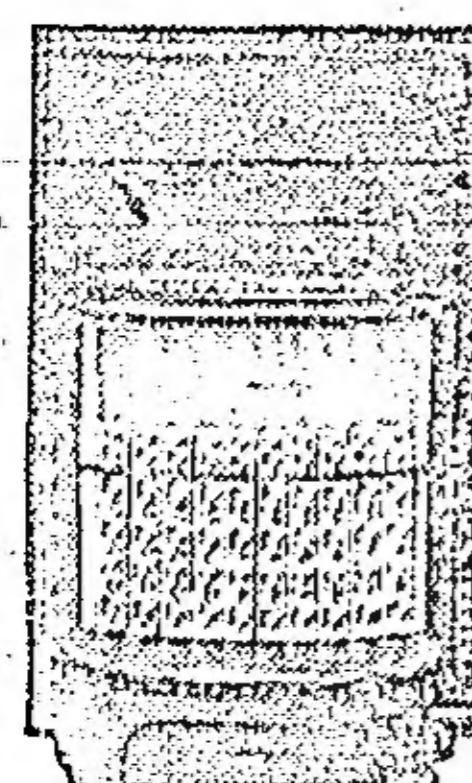
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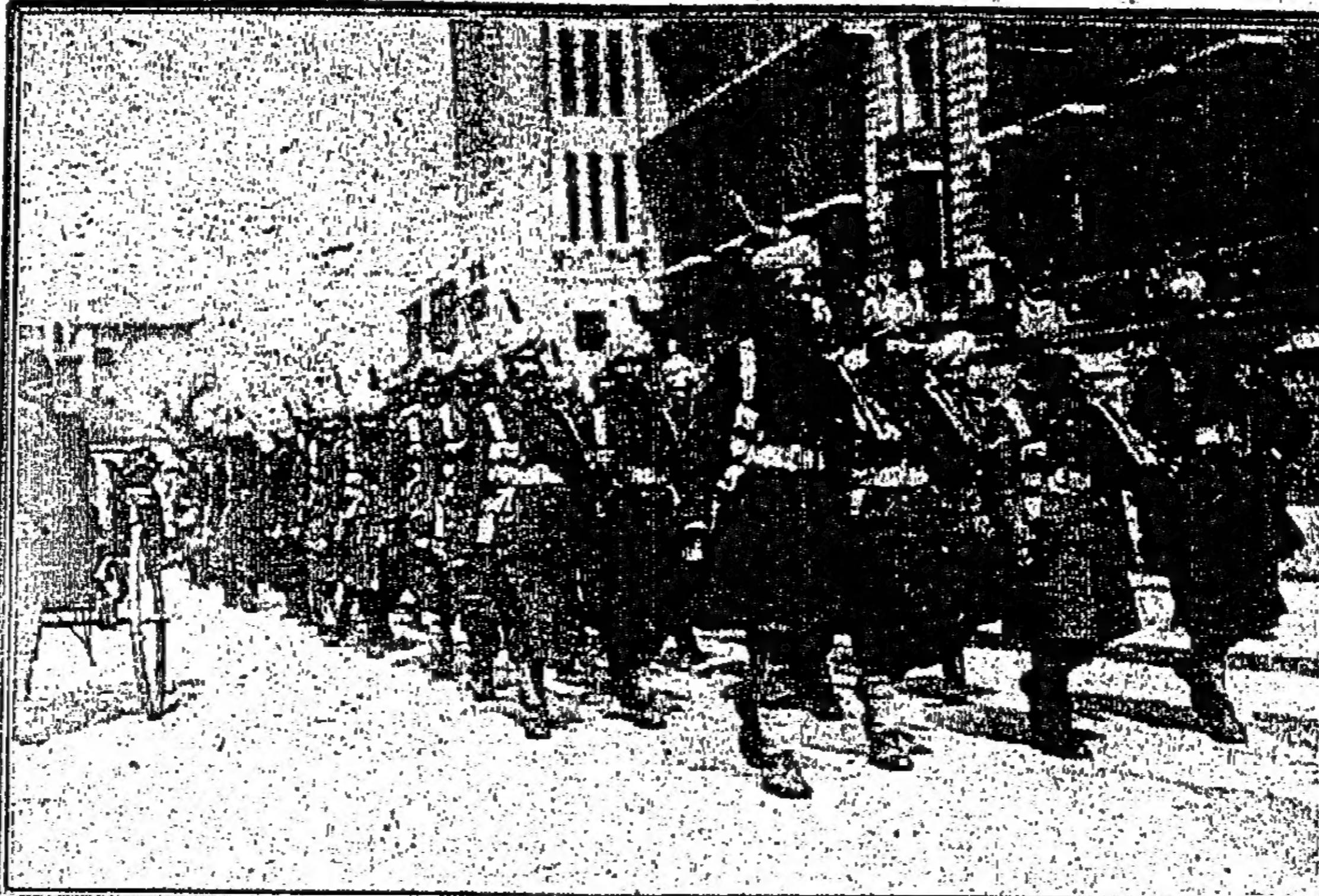
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PUNJABIS ARRIVE IN SHANGHAI.



Four hundred men of the Punjabi Regiment from Hongkong arrived in Shanghai last week as the first detachment of the British troops for the defence of Shanghai. This picture shows the men marching up Broadway to the Racecourse after disembarking from the Glenogle.

OBITUARY.

FAMOUS AMERICAN
GEOLOGIST.

New York, Feb. 9.

The death is announced of the eminent American scientist, Mr. Charles Doolittle Walcott, *Reuter's American Service*.

[The late Mr. Walcott, who was 77 years of age, was educated in the public schools of New York, and early showed a predilection for geological research. He became an assistant in the New York State Survey Office and was later assistant geologist in the U.S. Geological Survey of 1879. The Cambrian rocks and the faunas of the United States were his especial subjects of enquiry and he presented the result of his Cambrian researches before the International Geological Congress which was held in London in 1888. From that time onwards he took a prominent part in all international geological work, holding many appointments in the United States in connection with museums and research institutions. He was a member of the world's leading scientific societies, and had been honoured by the Universities of Hamilton, Chicago, Johns Hopkins, Pennsylvania, Yale, St. Andrews, Pittsburgh, Cambridge, Harvard and others.

His published works on geology and paleontology have long since been recognised as standard and authoritative. Of late years he has been actively identified with the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.]

SIR JAMES KEMNAL.

London, Feb. 9.

The death is announced of Sir James Kemnal, F.R.S.E., the Managing Director of the famous firm of Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd.—*Reuter*.

[The late Sir James Kemnal was one of the leading figures among British engineers and was a member of the learned engineering societies. He rose to the head of the famous firm of Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd., who have large works at London and Renfrew, Scotland, and who also control Messrs. Worthington, Simpson, Ltd., of London and Newark, and engineering firms at Bilbao and Paris. He was President of the British and Latin-American Chamber of Commerce in London. He was a Freeman of the City, and was honoured by H.M. the King in 1920 by being created a Knight.]

TRADE UNION LAW.

LABOUR-OPPOSED GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL.

London, Feb. 9.

The Labour Party's second amendment to the Address, being moved by Mr. J. R. Clynes, regrets the reference in the King's Speech to proposals for defining and amending the law regarding to industrial disputes, as indicating the intention of the Government to continue their partisan policy in recent industrial conflicts, and to diminish the power of organised Labour to resist encroachments on the already inadequate standard of living of the workers.—*Reuter*.

IMPORTANT CHINA
DEBATES.

(Continued From Page 1.)

SHANGHAI'S DANGER.

Reverting to the despatch of British troops, Earl Balfour pointed out that at Shanghai there was an immense community whose members could not possibly be removed from a sphere of danger, as had been done in the case of the people in more remote parts. Had it even been possible they would have had to leave behind vast pecuniary interests, lawfully acquired, subject to the looting of mobs or to robbery by better constituted authority. The only possible course to avoid that danger was to send troops within reach of the scene of any possible danger to safeguard our interests. With the example of Hankow before us were we not justified in sending troops within a prospective distance of Shanghai? If any disaster occurred at Shanghai, at all comparable with which happened at Hankow, the Government would have stood before the country and the bar of history as having been most grossly neglectful of the most obvious duties of government. In these difficulties, the Government must take a plain course of duty and not finesse. Earl Balfour added that, despite the difficulties of negotiating to-day, the Government were still most anxious to carry out the spirit of the Washington Agreement and to make such unilateral arrangements as could be made with regard to the revision of treaties.—*British Wireless*.

EARL BALFOUR'S VIEWS.

AGGRESSIVE POLICY AN "ABSIDU
IDEA."

London, Feb. 9.

The Earl of Balfour dealt with the aspects of the Chinese situation, in the House of Lords, in response to a request of Lord Palmerston (Labour).

Earl Balfour expressed satisfaction that Lord Palmerston and other leaders of the Opposition had given no encouragement whatever to the preposterous notion that the despatch of British troops to the Far East, whether wise or otherwise, had anything to do with some espousal of imperial policy or territorial conquest. The very idea was absurd. No sane man had ever thought that an aggressive policy in China could be carried out, or would be carried out by any Government in this country.

Earl Balfour admitted that the present position had arisen from the unfortunate delay in the ratification of the result of the Washington Conference, which it was agreed to negotiate for the revision of the treaties with China. But he pointed out that, though at the time of the Washington Conference there was a Chinese Government, when the Powers were prepared to deal with the situation, the Chinese Government was in the process of dissolution and, long before any decision had been arrived at, the Chinese Government had altogether vanished. There was no single authority with whom we could deal, but in the place of a Government there were six independent Generals or War Lords, following and animated by their own separate motives and not animated by any single political or national duty, but each fighting with each other. There was no possi-

bility of negotiating with any single unit at all. That was a situation with which no Foreign Secretary had ever been faced before.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS' PART.

BRITAIN REPORTS AND EXPLAINS.

London, Feb. 9.

The House of Lords, replying to a debate on China, Earl Balfour announced that the British Government had sent a communication to the League of Nations explaining the Chinese situation, and declaring that British policy is fully in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Covenant.

The communication concluded that with deep regret, there did not appear to be any way in which the assistance of the League in the settlement of the difficulties in China could at present be sought, but, if an opportunity should arise of invoking the good offices of the League, the British Government would gladly avail themselves thereof.—*Reuter*.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.

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London, Feb. 9.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has communicated to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations a full statement of British policy in China.

The statement is purely of an explanatory character, for the information of the members of the League and does not invoke the assistance of the League in regard to the difficulties in China, as these are primarily of an internal character.—*British Wireless*.

LABOUR'S AMENDMENT.

ASKS FOR RECALL OF TROOPS.

London, Feb. 9.

The Labour Party's amendment to the Address, which is being moved by Mr. C. P. Trevelyan to-morrow, regrets the Government's delay in dealing with the Chinese situation, deplores the despatch of

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SEAMEN INDIGNANT.
CENSURE COUNCIL OF T.U.C.

London, Feb. 9.
A resolution condemning the action of the members of the General of the Trade Union Congress "for supporting the bogus policy of 'Hands off China,'" was passed at meetings of seamen at Hull, Manchester, Salford, South Shields and Newport.

The resolution declares that the said policy embraces a demand for the Government to leave British nationals in the Far East unProtected and to cease the despatch of adequate naval and military force to the scene of the trouble." It emphasises that it is essential that seamen should be guaranteed immunity from interference by foreign aggression while engaged in the legitimate occupation of carrying on the trade and commerce of the Empire, and that recent acts of piracy and barratry against British ships in Chinese waters fully justify the great apprehension of the seafaring classes with regard to their future security, both as regards the freedom of the high seas and immunity from acts of violence whilst their ships are in Eastern ports.—*Reuter*.

We are officially informed that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Vladivostock on account of plague.

It is expected that the Australian sugar crop this year will amount to 420,000 tons.